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Principles of Economics II

Course Description: Principles of Microeconomics is a course designed to teach you the basic concepts and tools used for economic analysis. One of the goals of this course is to inform students who may be considering pursuing a degree in economics, and to prepare them for future coursework. The other goal is to teach you how to think like an economist, and apply economic reasoning to everyday situations. Even relatively simple economic principles can be powerful tools, and understanding them is important even for non-economists.

Text: Required: MyEconLab Student Access Kit with e-text of O’Sullivan, *Economics Principles & Tools*, 6th edition.

Course Policy

Course Objectives: Students will examine the behavior of firms and individuals by determining how consumers and firms make decisions and the affects of those decisions.

Readings: Readings for the course will be assigned from the O’Sullivan e-text. The e-text is available within the course compass website under the link called Textbook Resources. The textbook readings will supplement the material covered in class, and you will be responsible for both.

Study Guide: A summary of each chapter, learning tips, discussions of chapter material, application, and exercises are available within the study guide. The study guide is available within the Textbook Resources of the course compass website.

Notes: Power point notes as well as any additional class notes are available in D2L. D2L can be accessed at <https://online.brazosport.edu>.

Grades: Course grades can be accessed using D2L. The course grades will be determined as follows:

Homework Assignment	25%
Exams (3 exams at 25%)	<u>75%</u>
Total	100%

Homework Assignments: Assignments for each chapter are available in the course compass website. Assignments must be completed by the due date available within the Calendar of the course compass website. No late assignments will be accepted.

Exams: Each exam will consist of multiple choice, short answer, essay, and workout problems. All exams, including the final, will be cumulative but not comprehensive.

Missed Exams: No makeup tests will be given. Students who miss a scheduled examination will take a comprehensive final examination that will count as the final exam grade (25%) and for the missed scheduled exam grade (25%) or a total of 50% towards the final course grade. Students who miss more than one scheduled examination will receive a zero for all other missed exam scores. Students can take the exam in the Brazosport College LAC prior to the scheduled exam date. Students that plan to take the exam early in the LAC must notify the instructor at least two days in advance.

Cheating & Plagiarism: Refer to the Academic Dishonesty Policy of the college. Students are encouraged to form study groups, but study groups should be concluded at the proper stage of your work.

Available Assistance: My office hours will be posted outside of my office, B233. I am also available by appointment. Feel free to stop by if you need help regarding the class. E-mail is generally a good way to contact me outside of office hours, or you can call me in my office at 230-3338.

Attendance: Students will be dropped if they miss more than 20% of the classes before the drop date. Tardies and leaving early will count as part of an absence.

Fall and Spring 15 Week Semesters	
Class Meetings	Maximum absences before being dropped
One per week	2
Two per week	4
Three per week	6

Students will be given an opportunity to evaluate the course and the method of presentation at the end of the semester.

Withdrawing: Students are responsible for withdrawing from class before the last day of withdrawal if you so choose; otherwise, I will grade the work you have completed.

Study: Microeconomics applies scientific philosophy borrowed from many other fields of study. This broadly based course may be different from any other course you have had. It requires you to think critically in a unique way. You will deal with ambiguity, rarely finding "one right" answer; often instead, dealing with possibilities in the abstract (if . . . , on the other hand . . .). You must keep up with class, reading the text, completing the assignments, and observing current events. You should expect to spend 2-3 hours outside of class for each hour in class.