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# ECON 200-01-02 Principles of Microeconomics

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### **Econ 200 Principles of Microeconomics Spring 2012**

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**Course Description:** This course introduces the student to the nature of microeconomics. The course considers concepts of scarcity and the world of trade-offs, supply and demand, consumer choice, demand and supply elasticity, production decisions, market structures and pricing, and resource markets.

**Course Materials:** William A. McEachern, “*MICROECONOMICS A CONTEMPORARY INTRODUCTION*”, 9<sup>th</sup> edition.

#### **Grading Policy:**

Exams (4): 80%  
Quizzes/Homework/Class participation: 20%

#### **Grading Scale:**

A : 93%- 99%	C+: 77%-79%
A- : 90%-92%	C: 73%-76%
B+: 87%-89%	C-: 70%-72%
B : 83%-86%	D+: 67%-69%
B- : 80%-82%	D : 63%-66%
	D- : 60%-62%

F: 59% and below

**Attendance:** Your attendance is required in order to be successful in this class. If you are unable to attend class, it is your responsibility to get the information from another student. Exams and quizzes may only be made up with a pre-approved excuse or a documented medical excuse.

**Quizzes:** There will be a short quiz at the beginning of every week over material from the previous week. One quiz score may be dropped from your final grade.

**Homework:** Homework will be assigned when appropriate. Homework will be due the following class period. Late assignments will not be accepted.

**Make-up Policy:** I would like to avoid any make-up situations on exams. Please notify me at least one week prior to the exam if you have a schedule conflict. Any exam taken after the assigned date will not be subject to any potential exam curve.

**Academic Honesty:** The pursuit of truth demands high standards of personal honesty. Academic and professional life requires a trust based upon integrity of the written and spoken word. Accordingly, violations of certain standards of ethical behavior will not be tolerated at Xavier University. These include theft, cheating, plagiarism, unauthorized assistance in assignments and tests, unauthorized copying of computer software, the falsification of results and material submitted in reports or admission and registration documents, and the falsification of any academic record including letters of recommendation. All work submitted for academic evaluation must be the student's own. Certainly, the activities of other scholars will influence all students. However, the direct and unattributed use of another's efforts is prohibited as is the use of any work untruthfully submitted as one's own. Penalties for violations of this policy may include one or more of the following: a zero for that assignment or test, an "F" in the course, and expulsion from the University. The dean of the college in which the student is enrolled is to be informed in writing of all such incidents, though the teacher has full authority to assign the grade for the assignment, test, or course. If disputes of interpretation arise, the student, faculty member, and chair should attempt to resolve the difficulty. If this is unsatisfactory, the dean will rule in the matter. As a final appeal, the academic vice president will call a committee of tenured faculty for the purpose of making a final determination.

<sup>1</sup>*Undergraduate Academic Policies and Regulations*. Office of the Registrar, Xavier University (2008, March 18). Retrieved July 16, 2008 from [http://www.xu.edu/registrar/ugrd\\_policies.html](http://www.xu.edu/registrar/ugrd_policies.html)

### *Tentative Schedule*

Week 1 1/9-1/13 Chp. 1-2  
Week 2 1/18-1/20 Chp. 3-4  
Week 3 1/23-1/27 Chp. 4 -5  
Week 4 1/30-2/3 Chp. 5-Exam 1  
Week 5 2/6-2/10 Chp. 6  
Week 6 2/13-2/17 Chp. 6/7  
Week 7 2/20-2/24 Chp. 7  
Week 8 2/27-3/2 Chp. 7/Exam II  
Week 9 3/5-3/9 Spring Break  
Week 10 3/12-3/16 Chp. 8  
Week 11 3/19-3/23 Chp. 8/  
Week 12 3/26-3/30 Chp. 9  
Week 13 4/2-4/4 Chp. 9/ Exam III  
Week 14 4/11-4/13 Chp. 10  
Week 15 4/16-4/20 Chp. 11 -12  
Week 16 4/23-4/27 Chp. 13  
Week 17 – Final Exams