University of Toronto Department of Economics ECO101H1 S L5101: Principles of Economics

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Convocation Hall: Wednesdays, 6-9PM

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TEXTBOOK: *Microeconomics* (3rd Canadian Edition), Paul Krugman et al, 2018

EVALUTION:

MC Test	Multiple Choice	Friday,February 1	9:00 – 10:00 AM	16% of Grade
Midterm	Written/MC	Friday, March 15	9:00 – 11:00 AM	34% of Grade
Final Exam	Written/MC	Final Exam Period (April 6-30)		50% of Grade

The test, midterm, and final exam are cumulative; i.e., they cover all the material from the beginning of the course. They are on Friday mornings to accommodate the size of the class; students must contact me in the first two weeks of class if they have a conflict. Students who miss the test or midterm must email me a scanned copy of a medical document within one week of the exam to write a make-up from 10:00 AM –12:00 Noon on Friday, March 29, which covers the same material as the midterm even if you only missed the test. Note that this make-up is after the drop-date and that you don't get your exam back, though you may look at it. The test has 30 multiple choice questions. The midterm and the final have multiple choice and written – diagrams, calculations, and explanations – questions.

LECTURES and TUTORIALS

I recommend the textbook (any edition will do) but sell a package of Lecture Notes and Problem Sets with solutions at cost (\$10) in class. These problem sets are not graded but provide exercises necessary to clarify the economic models presented in the lectures and tested on exams. Teaching Assistants provide tutorials every week to clarify the problem sets and also hold office hours for individual consultation on problems. I will post the schedule and you can attend whenever you wish, though you will soon find that some times are better for you than others.

EXAM PROTOCOL

You must use only writing implements (pens, rulers, etc.) and non-programmable calculators (no other electronic devices), begin the exam with everyone else, and stop exactly when time is up. Any transgression is an academic offense and subject to sanction. You must fill in the scantrons (multiple choice) in pencil. I prefer that you write the written part of the midterm in pen but this can be awkward. However, I will only look at complaints on exams written in pen. Make sure that you correctly fill in your ID on the scantron and exam paper or lose 1 mark.

REMARKING MIDTERMS

We will hand the tests/midterms back one week after the exam. Miss that and you won't be able to get your exam since I won't have them during office hours. I will post the answers scheme to the exams on Quercus at that point. Please go through the answers carefully to see if the TAs (or I) made any mistake in marking since I will only accept requests for remarking during my office hours and the class breaks during the following week (i.e., second week after

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the exam) but only if you have consulted my marking scheme. It is very important to understand your mistakes since the final exam covers much of this material again

LECTURE AND READING SCHEDULE

January	9	Introduction and Basic Definitions: Ch. 1
_		Production Possibilities Curves. Ch. 2
		Problem Set: Production Possibilities
January	16	Demand: Ch. 3
		Shifts in Demand; Supply, Ch. 3
		Problem Set: Demand and Supply
January	23	Equilibrium Price and Quantity. Ch. 3 and Appendix
		Government Price Controls. Ch. 5
		Problem Set: Market Equilibrium and Price Controls
January	30	Elasticity Ch. 6 and Appendix
_		Elasticity and Tax: Ch. 7
		Problem Set: Elasticity and Per Unit Taxes
February	1	MULTIPLE CHOICE TEST: 9-10AM IN EXAM ROOMS
·		EX200, 300, 310, and 320, BA1160 according to surname
February	6	Consumer Choice: Budget Lines. Ch. 10 and appendix
•		Consumer Choice: Indifference Curves Ch. 10 and appendix
		Consumer Equilibrium and Derivation of Demand. Ch. 10 and appendix
		Problem Set: Consumer Choice
February	13	The Firm and Short-run Product. Ch. 11
•		Labour Demand
		Problem Set: Derivation of Demand
February	27	Short-run Cost. Ch. 11
•		Short-run Competitive Equilibrium: Ch. 12
		Problem Set: Short-run Cost
March	6	Short-run Comp. Equilibrium: Ch. 12
		Problem Set: Short-run Competitive Equilibrium
March	13	Changes in Short-run Competitive Equilibrium: Ch. 12
		Long-run Cost. Ch. 11
		Competitive Long-Run Equilibrium. Ch. 12
		Problem Set: Short-run Competitive Equilibrium
MARCH	15	MIDTERM EXAM: 2 HOURS, 9-11AM IN EXAM ROOMS (TBA)
		EX100, 200, 300, and 310 according to surname
March	20	Changes in Competitive Long-Run Equilibrium. Ch. 12
		Monopoly: Marginal Revenue and Profit Maximization. Ch. 13
		Problem Set: Long-run Competitive Equilibrium
March	27	Natural Monopolies and Cartels: Ch. 13
		Efficiency. Ch.4
		Problem Set: Monopoly
April	3	Externalities. Ch. 16
		Gains from Trade. Ch. 8
		Comparative Advantage.
		Problem Set: Efficiency