

ECON 4351 Intermediate Microeconomics

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Course Objectives:

The course is intended to familiarize students with analytical tools used by economists to study decision-making by consumers and firms.

Required Reading:

- Textbook: Robert S. Pindyck and Daniel L. Rubinfeld, “*Microeconomics*”, 7th edition, Pearson-Prentice Hall
- Additional material covered in lectures

Course Information:

- Blackboard:
 - Class notes for selected lectures
 - Problem sets and solutions – as and when these are assigned
 - Important announcements- changes in office hours, extra office hours etc
- www.missouri.edu/~sharmag/ECON4351
 - The website contains important course information – syllabus, contact information for me and the TA.

Course Requirements: The final grade will be assigned based on:

- 35% Midterm 1: **13th October, Thur**
- 35% Final Exam : **12th December, Mon (set by University)**
- 30% Problem sets : 3 to 5 in number, assigned during semester

Details about the course requirements are given below.

Problem Sets:

I will assign problem sets every 2 to 3 weeks. Handwritten solutions are to be submitted in class (dates will be specified in each problem set). The main purpose of the problem sets is to enhance your understanding of the course material and to provide you with practice material for the exams. I encourage you to work on these problem sets in groups (comprised of your classmates).

However each student must hand in their own copy of the solutions, with their name on it. I also suggest that you include the names of the people with whom you worked.

Exams:

The **midterm exam** is scheduled for **13th October** and will be administered during class. You are required to take **all** examinations. There will be **NO make-up exams**. For those students with a valid University excuse for missing an exam and adequate documentation, the weight of the mid-term exam will be shifted to the final exam.

The **final exam** is scheduled for **December 12th** as per the University Registrar’s office. The exam is **not** cumulative. In case of conflicts of exam times and dates, it is your responsibility to make other arrangements and notify me.

Tentative course outline: Note that the schedule of topics and problem sets is subject to change. However the dates of the exams will **not** change.

Week	Chapters	Comments
1 (Aug 23- 25)	1-2	
2 (Aug 30-1)	2-3	
3 (Sept 6-8)	3	PS1 (assigned)
4 (Sept 13-15)	4	
5 (Sept 20-22)	6	
6 (Sept 27-29)	7	PS2 (assigned)
7 (Oct 4-6)	7-8	
8 (Oct 11-13)	8	Midterm Oct 13 in class
9 (Oct 18-20)	8	PS3 (assigned)
10 (Oct 25-27)	9	
11 (Nov 1-3)	9-10	
12 (Nov 8-10)	10-11	PS 4(assigned)
13 (Nov 15-17)	11-12	
(Nov 22-24)		Thanksgiving break
14 (Nov 29-1)	12-13	PS5 (assigned)
15 (Nov 6-8)	13	
(Dec 12)		Final Exam

Statement for Academic Dishonesty

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plagiarism, paraphrasing, quoting, collaboration, or any other form of cheating, consult the course instructor.

Statement for ADA

If you need accommodations because of a disability, if you have emergency medical information to share with me, or if you need special arrangements in case the building must be evacuated, please inform me immediately. Please see me privately after class, or at my office. To request academic accommodations (for example, a notetaker), students must also register with the [Office of Disability Services](http://disabilityservices.missouri.edu), (<http://disabilityservices.missouri.edu>), S5 Memorial Union, 882-4696. It is the campus office responsible for reviewing documentation provided by students requesting academic accommodations, and for accommodations planning in cooperation with students and instructors, as needed and consistent with course requirements. For other MU resources for students with disabilities, click on "Disability Resources" on the MU homepage.

Statement for Intellectual Pluralism

The University community welcomes intellectual diversity and respects student rights. Students who have questions concerning the quality of instruction in this class may address concerns to either the Departmental Chair or Divisional leader or Director of the [Office of Students Rights and Responsibilities](http://osrr.missouri.edu/) (<http://osrr.missouri.edu/>). All students will have the opportunity to submit an anonymous evaluation of the instructor(s) at the end of the course.