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**Class Meetings:** 8:40 am – 9:40 am, MTWRF, Room 13, Middlebush

**Blackboard:**

Please visit the course blackboard site at <https://blackboard.missouri.edu/>. Supporting learning materials, announcements regarding homework due dates, exam dates, and etc. as well as grades are to be posted to Blackboard as the course proceeds.

**Textbook:**

This course will be using N. Gregory Mankiw's *Principles of Microeconomics* (5<sup>th</sup> edition) for the course textbook which comes with a custom reader and online Aplia materials. These can be purchased as a bundle at the University bookstore.

**Course Description:**

This introductory course helps you develop an understanding of decision making at the microeconomic level. In particular, we will be concerned with decision making by individuals — individual consumers, individual firms and individual markets. By the end of the course you will be able to apply some of the principles of economics and the simplest microeconomic models to help you better understand the world and the economy you live in and make informed decisions.

**Grading:**

Your grade will be based on your performance on homework assignments and exams. Homework assignments consist of 8 online Aplia assignments (20 points each), but only the best 5 will be counted toward your homework grade (a total of 100 points). And there will be 4 midterm exams, each worth 100 points. All exams are multiple choice questions. There will be no makeup homework assignments. If under some unexpected situation, you have to miss an exam, you need to inform me in advance either by email or in person. Once you resume class, you need to provide me with proper documentation in order to be excused from

that exam. Only when you follow this procedure properly will the score of the missed exam be replaced by your average score on the other three exams.

### Grade Cutoffs for Final Course Grades

485 - 500	A+
465 - 484	A
450 - 464	A-
435 - 449	B+
415 - 434	B
400 - 414	B-
385 - 399	C+
365 - 384	C
350 - 364	C-
335 - 349	D+
315 - 334	D
300 - 314	D-
Below 300	F

### **Academic Integrity Policy:**

Academic integrity is fundamental to the activities and principles of a university. All members of the academic community must be confident that each person's work has been responsibly and honorably acquired, developed, and presented. Any effort to gain an advantage not given to all students is dishonest whether or not the effort is successful. The academic community regards breaches of the academic integrity rules as extremely serious matters. Sanctions for such a breach may include academic sanctions from the instructor, including failing the course for any violation, to disciplinary sanctions ranging from probation to expulsion. When in doubt about plagiarism, paraphrasing, quoting, collaboration, or any other form of cheating, consult the course instructor.

### **American with Disabilities Act:**

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 note taker), students must also register with the Office of Disability Services, (<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.

**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>). All students will have the opportunity to submit an anonymous evaluation of the instructor(s) at the end of the course.