

PRINCIPLES OF ECONOMICS (Microeconomics)

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ECON P101

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Fall 2011	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
AM		11:05-12:00		11:05-12:00	
PM	1:15-2:10		1:15-2:10 4:15-5:15		

Please try to come by during these scheduled office hours if you can. I can make other arrangements to meet if you can't make scheduled hours.



If you need special accommodations for a disability, please contact me or contact the campus Disability Resource Center (AC 116, 791-2215) so that we may help you.

TEXT AND MATERIALS:

REQUIRED:

Dolan, Edwin G., *Introduction to Economics (Combined Version), Fourth Edition*, 2010, BVT Publishing.

i>clicker, an electronic student feedback and remote polling device. This device will also need 3 AAA batteries. You will be responsible to bring it to class and to keep it ready with good batteries.

Occasionally I will post extra reading assignments or announcements for class on an announcement web page. I will also post announcements of general interest to campus students there. Please check it Daily, Monday through Thursday. Find the web page at <http://www.portervillecollege.edu/jkeele>. Follow the link to "Class Announcement Pages" and from there be sure to follow the link to the Economics announcement page.

RECOMMENDED:

Study Guide that accompany the textbook

Online resources that accompany the Book (linked from my web page)

Student Learning Outcomes:

By the completion of this course the student should be able to:

- Identify and explain the basic premises of the economic way of thinking, such as the impact of secondary effects and the significance of opportunity costs.
- Apply basic economic methods of analysis for the solution of economic problems, such as identifying market equilibrium prices and quantities, evaluating comparative advantage based opportunity cost structures
- Interpret and manipulate basic graphical tools of economics such as supply and demand curves, production possibilities curves, cost curves, and revenue curves.

†* Minor amendments may be posted to the web page as we go.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Internet: Students will need Internet access for this course.

Reading: All assigned reading is required and you are responsible for the material contained in it. Material posted to the class announcement page is also testable. Reading the business and economy section of a major newspaper is strongly recommended.

Homework: I will assign a homework project with each chapter. All are required work. Each is due in class on the day indicated when I give the assignment. Whenever possible, we will go over the assignment in class. Homework will consist of problem sets, reading and creating graphs and charts, minor internet research projects, and occasionally some writing. If you can't be in class when homework is due, turn the homework in anytime **before** class. **Always do the homework; you never know when it will be graded, and even if it's not, the practice will help you learn.** Homework will not be accepted late.

Chapter Quizzes: We will have a brief in-class or take-home quiz after each one to three chapters (10-25 points per quiz). Quiz dates will be announced as we go. Make-up quizzes are not allowed. In extenuating circumstances early quizzes *MAY* be offered, contact me in advance if you see a conflict. We will review the questions after taking each quiz. For in-class quizzes you must stay for the review to get credit for the quiz. Please bring a green Scantron® (#882) for each quiz. No cell phones, no audio devices (mp3 players), and no leaving the class during in-class quizzes; if you answer a phone, are caught with an earphone in your ear, or leave the classroom you are done with the quiz.

Participation i>clicker Quizzes: In each class meeting we will have i<clicker questions for participation and to assess how well students understand the material. **Some questions will be graded with points for correct answers, others will be participation only.** Your participation is being recorded and will contribute to the participation component of your score. For each class period you will get "full participation" credit if you participate in all or all but one of the questions asked that day. If you fail to participate in two or more questions in a day you will not receive participation credit for that day. i>clicker quiz points generally cannot be made up; please plan and come to class prepared. In rare circumstances *some* i>clicker quiz points *may* be made up but the student needs to make arrangements in advance where possible and must contact me to resolve the issue immediately in case of an unexpected need.

Exams: We will have two midterms and a final. The midterms will be given on the date listed in the syllabus below. The exam format will be Multiple Choice / True/False with some graphs and problems. Please bring a green Scantron® (#882). **Make up exams MAY be possible in extenuating circumstances but will incur a 20 point penalty.** It is the student's responsibility to arrange with me for alternative test arrangements at least ONE WEEK BEFORE the scheduled exam if there is some college-excused reason you cannot make the scheduled time. No cell phones, no audio devices (mp3 players), and no leaving the class during the exam; if you answer a phone, are caught with an earphone in your ear, or leave the classroom you are done with the exam. **The college schedules the final exam; PLEASE, don't even ask about taking it early.** You may bring one 4x6" note card for reference during the midterm and final.

Attendance: Attendance is required. I may drop you from the class after 3 absences. You are responsible for all material presented or discussed in class, whether you are there or not

Honesty: I require honesty on i>clicker participation, quizzes, tests, and assignments. Following Porterville College policy, if a student cheats on a test or assignment, or plagiarizes, I will give an "F" grade on that assignment and I will report the incident to the Vice President of Student Services. The student will have to meet with the Vice President to determine whether further disciplinary action is necessary. Students who cheat or plagiarize are NOT eligible for any extra credit points. Students caught trying to cheat with i>clickers (whether trying to copy answers or trying to get participation/quiz points when you are not present) will automatically lose all participation points, all quiz points, all opportunities for extra credit or make-up. A second offense will result in being dropped from the course.

2 Grading Schemes:

For those who meet the requirements, I will calculate your grades both ways and give you the higher of the two. IF the requirements of the Alternate Scheme are not met, then the Standard scheme will be used exclusively.

Standard Grading Scheme (Default)

Points possible from assignments are as follows:

Homework:	5-10 points for each homework
Chapter Quizzes:	10-25 points for each chapter quiz
Clicker quizzes:	3-20 points per class period
Participation:	25 Points (based on the ratio of i>clicker participation)
Midterm:	100 points
Final:	100 points

We should end up with a total of 400 to 550 points. (earned extra credit or makeup points will be added to your total points with this scheme)

Alternate Grading Scheme:

Available only to students who have NOT missed more than 1 chapter quiz and have NOT missed more than 1 homework assignment and have at least 80% of i>clicker participation points:

Midterm	100
Final	100

No extra credit points will be counted with this scheme.

Course grades will be given on the following scale with percentages calculated based on total possible points.

A: 90-100%; B: 80-89%; C: 70-79%; D: 60-69%; F below 60%

Extra Credit: Occasional extra credit assignments *may* be offered. They will generally be noted only on the web page and will require some written response from you with a clear deadline for credit. All extra credit will be accepted only through TURNITIN.COM. Instructions on submitting through Turnitin.com follow on the last page of this syllabus.

Reading and Exam Schedule:

Week 1: Introduction/Overview

Assignments:

Locate, purchase and Register your i>clicker

Arrange Internet Access: This is accessible on campus or you may access it at home. Check the web page to see if there are any announcements.

Read Chapter 1 “Economics: The Science of Choice and Exchange”

Following week 1, we will progress as fast as we are able. Quiz and homework due dates will be announced in class.

We will work through the text chapters in sequence starting with Chapter 1. Our *IDEAL* goal will be to average one chapter per week, but we will probably fall short of that.

MIDTERM in class: October 12

Please bring a green Scantron® (882-E)
You may bring a 4X6” note card.

FINAL EXAM AS SCHEDULED BY THE COLLEGE

(Please, don't even ask about taking it early.)

9:35 AM Class: Wednesday December 7 at 7:30 AM

5:30 PM Class: Monday December 5 at 5:30 PM

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Register your i>clicker: Do it before the 2nd week of class!

- To register your i>clicker:
- Go to <http://www.iclicker.com> and follow the instructions. OR
- Read and follow the instructions printed on the back of your I>clicker.
- Use the same first and last name you used to register for classes at PC.
- Use your PC Student ID Number as your “Student ID.” Be sure to use the whole number including the @ and all zeros. For example: @00654321 Do not abbreviate. Be sure to use all numbers (not the letter O for zero).
- The “Remote ID” is a code number printed on the back of YOUR PERSONAL i>clicker.

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- Enter the password: **Malthus** (case sensitive)
- Follow the instructions to create a user
 - Enter your e-mail address
 - Create a password for yourself
 - Enter your first and last name (**please use your name as it is on my role**)
 - Agree to the profile that you have created
 - Select “end wizard and go to logon page”
- When it s time to submit assignments:
- Log in to Turnitin.com.
- Click on the name of the class.
- Click on “submit” with the square paper icon.
- Follow the upload instructions for the first assignment.
 - (Note that TII cannot process documents uploaded in WPS format from **MS Works** – if you are using Works, you will need to save your documents as RTF files or simply use the cut and paste option when uploading.)
- For all subsequent assignments, simply log in and pick the correct assignment to upload.