GS/ECON 5010 3.0

APPLIED MICROECONOMICS Autumn 2015 – 16

Section "B" [MW 2:30 - 4:00]

Scheduling Note

There will be no classes held on Monday September 14, or on Wednesday September 23. So the first lecture will be held on Wednesday September 16.

I will be scheduling a make-up lecture for the classes I am missing, probably a single 3-hour make-up class, probably on a Friday, later in the term.

I apologize for the missed classses and for the rescheduling.

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Text

The required textbook for this course is

Jehle and Reny: ADVANCED MICROECONOMIC THEORY, Third Edition Prentice Hall 2011

Although there is some new material in the (relatively new) third edition, I won't be using this new material much. So the older second edition of the textbook is just as good, if you can get hold of a copy at a good price.

There are several other microeconomics textbooks which you might find useful. Among them are

Varian: MICROECONOMIC ANALYSIS, Third Edition, Norton, 1992

Kreps: A COURSE IN MICROECONOMIC THEORY, Princeton, 1990

Mas-Colell, Whinston and Green: MICROECONOMIC THEORY, Oxford, 1995 Silberberg and Suen: THE STRUCTURE OF ECONOMICS: A MATHEMAT-ICAL ANALYSIS, Third Edition, McGraw-Hill, 2001

Yohe: EXERCISES AND APPLICATIONS FOR MICROECONOMIC ANALYSIS, Third Edition, Norton, 1992

Among these other books, Mas-Colell et al is a more advanced and rigorous text, while Silberberg and Suen is a less advanced text. Yohe's book is a collection of examples and exercises, prepared to accompany Varian's text.

Evaluation

Your grade will be determined by four assignments, a mid-term exam, and a final exam.

Assignment 1	due : Wed. Oct. 7	2:30 pm	5%
Assignment 2	due : Wed. Oct. 21	2:30 pm	5%
Mid-term	Wed. Oct. 28	2:30 pm	30%
Assignment 3	due : Wed. Nov. 11	2:30 pm	5%
Assignment 4	due : Wed. Nov. 25	2:30 pm	5%
Final Exam	exam period	(Dec 9 - 23)	50%

Note that late assignments will **not** be accepted.

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http://www.yorku.ca/secretariat/policies/document.php?document=69

Course Outline

(references are to relevant material in Jehle and Reny, 3rd edition)

1. Consumer Theory: chapter 1, section 2.3

2. Uncertainty: section 2.4

3. Theory of the Firm : chapter 3

4. Markets: sections 4.1, 4.2

5. General Equilibrium : sections 5.1, 5.2, 5.3, 5.5

6. Game Theory : chapter 7

7. Auctions: sections 9.1, 9.2, 9.3