

Syllabus for ECON 160B-A0 - 10490 - **Principles of Microeconomics**  
Binghamton University  
Room LH008  
MWF 12:00 -1:00 PM

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Office Hours MW 2:00 – 3:00 PM (or by appointment. Let me know when you would like to meet with me, there is a good chance I might be around then anyway.)

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**Text:**

*Modern Principles of Micro*; Tyler Cowen and Alex Tabarrok, Preliminary Edition

**Course Objectives:**

To gain an appreciation of the methodology and applications of the study of making choices.

**Homework:**

Homework assignments for each chapter will be posted in blackboard. Due dates for those homeworks are listed on this syllabus. **Students who turn homework assignments late will be penalized 10 points an hour.** This is true even if you cannot attend class because of circumstances beyond your control. If a student is unable to attend class on a day an assignment is due, it is his or her responsibility to see that the assignment is delivered before the due date class ends, regardless. Faxing assignments in, emailing them if possible, or sending them overnight delivery are all acceptable. **If you foresee problems getting an assignment in on time, contact me *before* it is due, and I will try to work something out with you. It is always better to ask permission than forgiveness.**

**Quizzes:**

A quiz will be given each week in the discussion section. The quiz will cover the same material as the homework for the relevant chapter(s). If you understood the homework, you will do well on the quiz. Quiz dates are shown on this syllabus. Unless you have made alternate arrangements with the professor **prior** to the date and time of your scheduled quiz, quizzes cannot be made up.

**Final:**

Unless I explicitly warn you otherwise, all exam questions will be previous quiz and homework questions. If you have understood the homework and the quizzes, you should have no trouble with the final exam.

**Warning about the multiple choice format:**

Multiple choice questions will not make it easier to get a good grade in the course. It will, however, make it profoundly easier to get a bad grade in this course. Students who don't read the material, take their best guess when doing the multiple choice assignments and hope they get lucky will soon discover they are receiving the grades they deserve.

**Accommodations for Learning Disabilities:**

If you have a learning disability that justifies special accommodations you need to inform me, which typically involves presenting the appropriate letter to me, within the first two weeks of the semester. Otherwise you should not expect special accommodations.

**Office hours:**

Come and see me if there is anything that you still don't understand after we discuss it in class, or if you get a lower grade on an assignment than you are comfortable with, or just to talk. I like it when students come in to see me. In the event of a low grade, I won't change your grade if you come to see me, but I will tell you what you need to do to get a higher grade next time. Don't worry if you can't make it during my "official" office hours. It is easy for me to meet you pretty much any afternoon, if you let me know to expect you.

**Grading:**

Your grade will be calculated as follows:

Quizzes	35 %
Homework	35 %
Final Exam	30 %

**Final grades will be assigned as follows:**

$\geq 92.5$	A
$\geq 90, < 92.5$	A-
$\geq 87.5, < 90$	B+
$\geq 82.5, < 87.5$	B
$\geq 80, < 82.5$	B-
$\geq 77.5, < 80$	C+
$\geq 72.5, < 77.5$	C
$\geq 70, < 72.5$	C-
$\geq 60, < 70$	D
$< 60$	F

Note that a grade of 92.499999 is an A-, not an A.

**Schedule:**

Date	Lecture Topic	Quiz topic	Homework due
Mon Aug 31	Stossel - Greed I	<b>No Discussion groups</b>	
Wed Sep 2	Stossel - Greed II	<b>No Discussion groups</b>	
Fri Sep 4	Ch 1		
Mon Sep 7	<b>No Class</b>	<b>No Discussion groups</b>	
Wed Sep 9	Ch 1	<b>No Discussion groups</b>	
Fri Sep 11 <sup>1</sup>	Ch 2		Ch 1
Mon Sep 14	Ch 2	Ch 1	

<sup>1</sup> Add Drop deadline

Wed Sep 16	Ch 3	Ch 1	Ch 2
Fri Sep 18	Ch 3		
Mon Sep 21	Ch 4	Ch2 – <b>Double Auction</b>	Ch 3
Wed Sep 23	Ch 4	Ch2 – <b>Double Auction</b>	
Fri Sep 25	Ch 5		Ch 4
Mon Sep 28	<b>No Class</b>		
Wed Sep 30	Ch 5	Ch 3 & 4	
Fri Oct 2	Ch 6		Ch 5
Mon Oct 5	Ch 6	Ch 3 & 4	
Wed Oct 7	Ch 7	Ch 5	Ch 6
Fri Oct 9	Ch 7		
Mon Oct 12	Ch 8	Ch 5	Ch 7
Wed Oct 14	Ch 8	Ch 6 & 7	
Fri Oct 16	Ch 9		Ch 8
Mon Oct 19	Ch 9	Ch 6 & 7	
Wed Oct 21	Ch 10	Ch 8	Ch 9
Fri Oct 23	Ch 10		
Mon Oct 26	Ch 11	Ch 8	Ch 10
Wed Oct 28	Ch 11	Ch 9 & 10	
Fri Oct 30 <sup>2</sup>	Ch 12		Ch 11
Mon Nov 2	Ch 12	Ch 9 & 10	
Wed Nov 4	Ch 13	Ch11	Ch 12
Fri Nov 6	Ch 13		
Mon Nov 9	Ch 14	Ch 11	Ch 13
Wed Nov 11	Ch 14	Ch 12 & 13	
Fri Nov 13	Ch 15		Ch 14
Mon Nov 16	Ch 15	Ch 12 & 13	
Wed Nov 18	Ch 16		Ch 15
Fri Nov 20	Ch 16	Ch 14	
Mon Nov 23	Ch 17	Ch 14	Ch 16
Wed Nov 25	Ch 17	<b>No Discussion groups</b>	
Fri Nov 27	<b>No Class</b>		
Mon Nov 30	Ch 18	Ch 15 & 16	Ch 17
Wed Dec 2	Ch 18	Ch 15 & 16	
Fri Dec 4	Ch 19		Ch 18
Mon Dec 7	Ch 19	Ch 17 & 18	
Wed Dec 9	<b>Review</b>	Ch 17 & 18	Ch 19
Fri Dec 11	<b>Review (Ch 19)</b>		

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<sup>2</sup> Course Withdrawal deadline

## ECONOMICS DEPARTMENT POLICY REGARDING MAKE-UP FINAL EXAMS

**ALL** make-up final exams in Economics will be given **Friday, December 18 from 8:00 to 10:00 AM**. All officially scheduled final exams are linked from the [BU Brain](#) – check **NOW** for conflicts. If a conflict exists you may request a make-up exam from the instructor of **ANY** of the conflicting courses. If you choose to request a make-up exam for an economics course, a sign-up list to request the make-up exam will be available in class after the add/drop deadline – ask the instructor. Students **MUST** make their request for a make-up exam in economics **NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, October 9**.

It is **the student's responsibility** to learn from the instructor if the request has been approved. Only students who are approved may take a make-up final exam. Students who have not requested a make-up exam in an economics course by **October 9** will be required to resolve conflicting exams with the instructor in one of their other courses.

Make-up exams are approved **ONLY** for the following conditions:

- Conflicts with the **OFFICIAL** final exam schedule (e.g. exams at the same time or more than two exams within 24 hours).
- **DOCUMENTED** personal illness or family emergency.