

**San José State University
Economics Department**

Econ 1B Microeconomics Summer 2020

Course and Contact Information

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Class Days/Time:	Not Set (Online)
Classroom:	N/A (Online)

Class Resources

Course materials such as syllabus, handouts, notes, assignment instructions, etc. can be found on the Canvas Learning Management System course login website at <http://sjsu.instructure.com>.

Course Description

An asynchronous online course covering essential microeconomics tools and concepts.

Course Learning Outcomes (CLO)

Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

- 1) Describe the role of incentives in several conceptual frameworks (e.g., Power of Self-Interests and Rational Decision Making)
- 2) Define and demonstrate the concept of opportunity costs in various scenarios (i.e., patterns of international and interpersonal trade)
- 3) Examine the allocation of resources through a market framework
- 4) Assess public policies and market types using the Supply and Demand Model

Required Texts/Readings

Textbook (Optional)

1. Mankiw, N. Gregory. *Principles of Microeconomics*, 8th ed. (Boston: Cengage Learning, 2018). ISBN-13: 978-1305971493. I will provide students with the lecture slides from the 7th edition of the book in the file section and modules in our Canvas website. If you cannot find the answer in the slides or want a different explanation, you have two options—attend my office hours for help or purchase the textbook. If you decide to purchase the book, I highly recommend buying an older edition (6th or 7th) as the

material has not changed much in recent editions, and the older editions sell at a significant discount to the current edition's price.

Course Requirements and Assignments

SJSU classes are designed such that in order to be successful, it is expected that students will spend a minimum of forty-five hours for each unit of credit (normally three hours per unit per week), including preparing for class, participating in course activities, completing assignments, and so on. More details about student workload can be found in University Policy S12-3 at <http://www.sjsu.edu/senate/docs/S12-3.pdf>.

- There are three components to your grade: two exams (40%), quizzes (25%), and discussion boards/activities (35%)
- The exams will have multiple choice and short answer questions. The first exam is worth 15%, and the second exam is worth 25%. The exam due dates are 7/26/20 and 8/9/20.
- Each module/week will cover two to three chapters, and each chapter has a corresponding quiz. Therefore, students will have two to three quizzes per week. Quizzes are open book and note. Each quiz is composed of ten multiple-choice questions. Students only get one attempt per quiz.
- Each module/week will have two to three low stakes discussion boards or activities, including a discussion board for questions on that week's material.

Grading Information

Corresponding letter grades will be assigned as follows:

97% to 100% A plus	93% to 96% A	90% to 92% A minus
87% to 89% B plus	83% to 86% B	80% to 82% B minus
77% to 79% C plus	73% to 76% C	70% to 72% C minus
67% to 69% D plus	63% to 66% D	60% to 62% D minus
F 58% and below		

Late assignments submitted within one week of the due date will have a grade deduction of 30 percent. No credit is provided for any later submissions.

University Policies

Per University Policy S16-9, university-wide policy information relevant to all courses, such as academic integrity, accommodations, etc. will be available on Office of Graduate and Undergraduate Programs' [Syllabus Information web page](http://www.sjsu.edu/gup/syllabusinfo/) at <http://www.sjsu.edu/gup/syllabusinfo/>

Dropping and Adding

Students are responsible for understanding the policies and procedures about add/drop, grade forgiveness, etc. Refer to the current semester's Catalog Policies section at <http://info.sjsu.edu/static/catalog/policies.html>. Add/drop deadlines can be found on the current academic calendar web page at http://www.sjsu.edu/provost/Academic_Calendars/. The Late Drop Policy is available at <http://www.sjsu.edu/aars/policies/latedrops/policy/>. Students should be aware of the current deadlines and

penalties for dropping classes. Information about the latest changes and news is available at the Advising Hub at <http://www.sjsu.edu/advising/>.

Consent for Recording of Class and Public Sharing of Instructor Material

University Policy S12-7, <http://www.sjsu.edu/senate/docs/S12-7.pdf>, requires students to obtain instructor's permission to record the course. "Common courtesy and professional behavior dictate that you notify someone when you are recording him/her. You must obtain the instructor's permission to make audio or video recordings in this class. Such permission allows the recordings to be used for your private, study purposes only. The recordings are the intellectual property of the instructor; you have not been given any rights to reproduce or distribute the material." "Course material developed by the instructor is the intellectual property of the instructor and cannot be shared publicly without his/her approval. You may not publicly share or upload instructor generated material for this course such as exam questions, lecture notes, or homework solutions without instructor consent."

Academic Integrity

Your commitment as a student to learning is evidenced by your enrollment at San Jose State University. The University's Academic Integrity policy, located at <http://www.sjsu.edu/senate/S07-2.htm>, requires you to be honest in all your academic course work. Faculty members are required to report all infractions to the office of Student Conduct and Ethical Development. The Student Conduct and Ethical Development website is available at http://www.sa.sjsu.edu/judicial_affairs/index.html. Instances of academic dishonesty will not be tolerated. Cheating on exams or plagiarism (presenting the work of another as your own, or the use of another person's ideas without giving proper credit) will result in a failing grade and sanctions by the University. For this class, all assignments are to be completed by the individual student unless otherwise specified. If you would like to include your assignment or any material you have submitted, or plan to submit for another class, please note that SJSU's Academic Policy S07-2 requires approval of instructors.

Campus Policy in Compliance with the American Disabilities Act

If you need course adaptations or accommodations because of a disability, or if you need to make special arrangements in case the building must be evacuated, please make an appointment with me as soon as possible, or see me during office hours. Presidential Directive 97-03 at http://www.sjsu.edu/president/docs/directives/PD_1997-03.pdf requires that students with disabilities requesting accommodations must register with the Accessible Education Center (AEC) at <http://www.sjsu.edu/aec> to establish a record of their disability

Microeconomics Online Lab, Econ 1B, Summer 2020 Course Schedule

The following schedule is subject to change. If changes are needed, I will make announcements through Canvas. All assignments, including discussion boards, activities, quizzes, and exams, are due by 11:59 pm Pacific Daylight Time Zone (i.e., California's time zone) on the indicated due date. All due dates are also shown in Canvas.

Course Schedule

Week	Due Date	Holidays, Assignments, and Exams
1	7/12/20	Ch1: Ten Principles of Economics
1	7/12/20	Ch2: Thinking Like an Economist

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1	7/12/20	Ch3: Interdependence and the Gains from Trade
2	7/19/20	Ch4: The Market Forces of Supply and Demand
2	7/19/20	Ch5: Elasticity and Its Application
3	7/26/20	Ch6: Supply, Demand, and Government Policies
3	7/26/20	Ch7: Consumers, Producers, and the Efficiency of Markets
3	7/26/20	Ch8: Application: The Costs of Taxation
3	7/26/20	Exam 1
4	8/2/20	Ch10: Externalities
4	8/2/20	Ch11: Public Goods and Common Resources
4	8/2/20	Ch13: The Costs of Production
5	8/9/20	Ch14: Firms in Competitive Markets
5	8/9/20	Ch15: Monopoly
5	8/9/20	Exam 2