

**San José State University
Economics Department**

Econ 2B Microeconomics Online Lab Summer 2020

Course and Contact Information

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Class Days/Time: (Online)
Classroom: (Online)

Course Format

Online Course Requirements:

This course adopts an online course delivery format. Therefore, students are required to have internet connectivity, access to a computer, and the use of several websites, including the course canvas page and saplinglearning.com (which requires students pay a fee to use).

Course materials such as syllabus, handouts, notes, assignment instructions, etc. can be found on [Canvas Learning Management System course login website](#) at <http://sjsu.instructure.com>. You are responsible for regularly checking with the messaging system through the course canvas page to learn of any updates.

Course Description

Self-paced online lab guiding students through graded problem sets on key microeconomics tools and concepts.

Course Learning Outcomes (CLO)

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

1. Analyze the impact of market forces on price and quantity
2. Identify market types
3. Evaluate government regulations of markets

Required Texts/Readings

Textbook (Optional)

“Microeconomics”, 7th ed. by R. Glenn Hubbard and Anthony Patrick O’Brien, published by Prentice Hall, ISBN# 9780134738314 (Other editions of this text are acceptable as well. Note: you do NOT need to have an access code to the website MyEconLab, which is sometimes bundled with this textbook. Furthermore, most principles of microeconomics texts with similar chapters and topics should also work.)

Other technology requirements / equipment / material

Canvas: In this class, you will be turning in your writing assignments through the Canvas learning management system (in DOC or PDF format). You will also have access to class handouts, with answers, and practice questions for exams here. To begin, you need to know how to access Canvas.

Login URL : <https://sjsu.instructure.com>

Username : SJSU 9-digit ID

Password : your SJSU One Account Credentials

After logging in, select “SU 20: Econ-2B Sec 80 – Micro Online Lab” under “Courses”.

Sapling Learning: You will have homework to do almost every week through the Sapling Learning website.

Go to www.saplinglearning.com/login to login or create an account. The detailed instructions on how to register may be found here:

<https://macmillan.force.com/macmillanlearning/s/article/Sapling-Learning-Registering-for-courses>

Note: there is a \$42 fee for using the Sapling Learning website (you have a grace period to pay this fee once you sign up, ending in two weeks from the start of this course).

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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>.

This is a pass/no pass course. You must achieve a cumulative score of 70% at the end of the semester. Your score is based solely on online assignments on the course’s Canvas website and on saplinglearning.com. The assignments are due by 11:59pm on the Sunday of the week assigned—students will also be able to see the due dates in Canvas. (For a complete list of due dates, please see the last two pages of the syllabus.) However, all of the assignments will be available at the beginning of the second week so students can complete them ahead of time. Late assignments will not be accepted. However, I will drop your two lowest assignment grades at the end of the semester.

The assignments will follow a similar pattern and include two parts. The first half of each assignment will consist of assignments on the saplinglearning.com site. Students will also have assignments that they do directly in Canvas. The canvas assignments will consist of multiple choice questions and graphing questions. For graphing questions, students will need to upload a photo (i.e., Jpeg or PDF) of their answer in the prompt at the end of the question.

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](#) 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 2B, Summer 2020 Course Schedule

The following schedule is subject to change. If changes are needed, I will make announcements in class and through Canvas.

Course Schedule

Week	Date	Topics, Readings, (Chapters Listed are from recommended course text)
1	June 5	Supply and Demand Basics (Chapter 3: Where Prices Come From)
1	June 5	Consumer and Producer Surplus, Efficiency, and Price Controls (Chapter 4: Economic Efficiency, Government Price Setting)
2	June 12	Elasticity (Chapter 6: Elasticity: The responsiveness of Demand and Supply)
2	June 12	Introduction to Firms (Chapter 8: Firms, The Stock Market and Corporate Governance)
2	June 12	Production Function and Cost Curves (Chapter 11: Technology, Production, and Costs)
3	June 19	Monopoly (Chapter 15: Monopoly and Antitrust Policy)
3	June 19	Pricing Strategies (Chapter 16: Pricing Strategy)
3	June 19	Monopolistic Competition (Chapter 13: Monopolistic Competition)
4	June 26	Firms in Perfect Competition (Chapter 12: Firms in Perfect Competition)
4	June 26	Oligopoly and Game Theory Basics (Chapter 14: Oligopoly)
4	June 26	Labor Markets (Chapter 17: The Market for Labor)
5	July 2	Market Failures (Chapter 5: Externalities, Environmental Policy, and Public Goods)
5	July 2	Imperfect Information (Chapter 7: The Economics of Healthcare)