

Fall, 2003

Economics 212
Sections 25 and 26

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Section 25: 214 Sarrine Hall, MWF 8:00 – 8:50

Section 26: 124 Earle Hall, MWF 9:05 – 9:55

Objective: Learn to think in a manner consistent with the existence of scarcity.

Texts: Mankiw, Gregory N., *Principles of Macroeconomics*, 3rd Ed., 2004.

Communications:

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Website: The website address is listed above. You should check it periodically. Homework assignments, solutions, lecture notes, and sample test questions will be posted.

Attendance: Class attendance is strongly recommended. In the unlikely event that I am late and no arrangements were made, students may leave after a 10-minute wait. I encourage you to ask questions in class, and outstanding class participation may affect your grade. **Please turn off or silence all electronic equipment before entering the classroom.**

Exams: There will be three in-term exams and a **cumulative** final exam. Together, these exams will comprise 85% of your grade. The bulk of each exam will be in multiple choice format, with roughly 15-20% short answer. (The final exam will consist of multiple choice questions only.) **The use of calculators on exams is prohibited.**

<u>Exam</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Weight</u>
First	Wednesday, February 4 th	15%
Second	Wednesday, March 3 rd	20%
Third	Wednesday, April 7 th	20%
Final	Friday, April 30 th , 8:00 a.m. (Sec. 25)	30%
	Monday, April 26 th , 8:00 a.m. (Sec. 26)	

All students are expected to take all of the exams on schedule. No make-up exams will be given for the in-class exams. If you miss one of the three in-class exams, its weight will be shifted to the exams that you do take, at no penalty to you (see below). If you miss more than one in-class exam, I reserve the right to (i) give you a grade of zero on one or both missed exams, and / or (ii) require additional work from you. If you start an exam, you must finish it, or receive a grade of zero. The University requires you to take the Final Exam, unless I exempt you, a low probability event. In order to be considered for a final exam exemption, you must take all three in-class exams.

Quizzes: The remaining 15% of your grade will be comprised of a series of short in-class quizzes. Quizzes will be announced in lecture, you will be given fair warning on dates. **No make-up quizzes will be given.** However, I will drop your lowest quiz score.

Homework: A series of homework assignments will be distributed throughout the semester. Homework assignments are extra credit. As I generally distribute answers to homework assignments on the date they are due, **I cannot accept late homework.** Each homework assignment will receive a grade of check-plus, check, or check-minus, which are worth 1 point, 2/3 point, and 1/3 point, respectively. Just before assigning grades at the end of the semester I will total the points for all homework assignments then add this total to your final class average. While you are not required to turn these in, I strongly recommend doing the homework both for the points and the practice.

Grading scale: Each class and each exam is unique. Nevertheless, as a rough idea of the scale you can expect, I offer this:

85-100 = A, A- 70-84 = B+, B, B- 55-69 = C+, C, C- 45-54 = D+, D, D- < 45 = F
The actual scale will be set at the end of the semester, when I know all grades on all assignments.

Students with Disabilities: Appropriate accommodations will be made if you have documented disabilities. For the relevant university policies and procedures, see

http://virtual.clemson.edu/groups/disability_services/Student_Guide.htm#StudResp

During the first week of classes, you present to me a letter from Disability Services documenting the disability and requesting specific accommodations.

Academic Integrity: The Clemson University statement on academic integrity, as adopted by student government, says in relevant part:

“We shall not tolerate lying, cheating, or stealing in any form.”

All work that bears on my evaluation of your performance must be yours alone. It is your responsibility to ensure that your behavior conforms fully to spirit and letter of the academic integrity statement. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to ask me.

Plus / Minus grading: Beginning with the 2002 fall semester, a trial period for the plus/minus grading system will be in effect for two years. During the two year period, the plus/minus grade data will be used solely for research purposes. For all official purposes, the pluses and minuses will be “stripped off,” and the resulting letter grades will be the students’ grades for the term. These traditional letter grades (A, B, C, D, F, I) will be the basis for all official GPR (grade-point ratio) computations and requirements, and they are the only grades that will appear on an official grade report and transcript.

If at the end of the trial period the plus/minus system is adopted, the effective date of the change in grading systems will be announced in the Undergraduate Announcements. The new grading system will apply to all students enrolled in the term when the change becomes effective and in all future terms.

For additional details, see: <http://www.registrar.clemson.edu>

Other Important Dates:

Tuesday, January 13 th	Last day to register or add a class
Monday, January 19 th	No class – MLK day
Tuesday, January 21 st	Last day to drop a class without a W grade
Friday, February 27 th	Last day to drop a class without final grade
March 15 – 19	No class – Spring Break

Exam Weights:

	<u>Exam #1</u>	<u>Exam #2</u>	<u>Exam #3</u>	<u>Final</u>
Take all Three	15%	20%	20%	30%
Miss Exam #1	-	24.3%	24.3%	36.4%
Miss Exam #2	19.6%	-	26.2%	39.2%
Miss Exam #3	19.6%	26.2%	-	39.2%

Disclaimer: I reserve the right to make changes to the syllabus at any time during the course, as circumstances warrant. Although I try to make the learning process both fun and fair, remember both are in the eye of the beholder. Caveat emptor.