ECONOMICS 101: Principles of Microeconomics

Term: Spring 2003
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Office Hours: By appointment. Come as often as you like just let me know in advance. I am available at all times night and day. My best times are 5:00 to 6:30 a.m. but I will understand if you choose some other time. I have two daughters in college.

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In the last twenty years I have only taught one principles of economics class. This will be a unique experience for all of us. I teach intermediate microeconomic theory every fall, an advanced course that is required for the economics major, at 8:15 and 9:45. In that course I assume the students have mastered the principles of microeconomics. In this course I will teach you the principles of microeconomics. The transition will be challenge for all of us.

We will have one central goal in this course. We want to think like an economist. There are many ways to solve problems and economic analysis is only one of them. Psychology, biology, marketing and almost all other disciplines have a unique methodology. So does economics. All of the methods of analysis are interesting and important. But the only methodology I can teach you is economics.

Course Policies:

No smoking or tobacco chewing. Hats should be fashionable. Check with me for the latest. Eating is okay if the odor or the noise does not disturb the class. I like fruit but no pears or prunes. Do not interrupt the class by arriving late. Questions are encouraged. Since I do not know everything there is to know about microeconomics, why should you? Do not be hesitant to ask. The examination must be taken in a Blue Book.

Grading Policies:

You will be asked to complete a number of short announced quizzes, and a final examination. The final examination will be cumulative. I will drop the lowest quiz score. Your grade
will be calculated as follows:

Short quizzes - 75%
Final - 25%

Honor Code Statement:

Do not cheat! If you observe someone cheating and report the matter to me, testify if asked to do so and the cheater is found guilty; you will receive an "A" in the course. Honesty and bravery have their rewards. If you are convicted of an honor violation you will receive an "F" in this course. It is your responsibility to prevent cheating. Do so!