

MICROECONOMICS

(Spring 2010)

COURSE INFORMATION:

<i>Class Numbers & Meeting Times/Days:</i>	23607	<i>Friday (9:00 – 11:50)</i>
	23609	<i>Tuesday (5:30 – 8:30)</i>
<i>Credits:</i>	3	
<i>Organization:</i>	<i>Mid-State Technical College (MSTC)</i>	
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<i>Course Text:</i>	<i>Microeconomics, 8th Edition (Stephen Slavin)</i>	

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course examines the behavior of individual decision-makers, primarily consumers and firms. Topics include choices of how much to consume and to produce, the functioning of perfectly and imperfectly competitive markets, the conditions under which markets may fail, and arguments for and against government intervention. The student applies the fundamental tools of economics to real world problems.

CORE ABILITIES:

Act with integrity
Communicate effectively
Demonstrate effective critical and creative thinking
Demonstrate global awareness

UNITS AND COMPETENCIES:

- 1. Develop analytic skills central to economic thinking*
- 2. Apply supply and demand analysis to price determination*
- 3. Calculate maximum profit as total revenue minus total cost*
- 4. Differentiate among market structures*
- 5. Analyze the markets for the factors of production*
- 6. Identify interactions between domestic and global markets*

GRADING:

The letter grade you earn in this course will be based on the following:

75% Exams (5 X 15%)

15% TEAM Project

10% Classroom "participation"/performance/attitude and behavior, i.e. "core abilities" (on-going)

GRADING SCALE:

A	100 – 94	A-	93 – 92			
B+	91 – 90	B	89 – 86	B-	85 – 84	
C+	83 – 82	C	81 – 79	C-	78 – 77	
D+	76 – 75	D	74 – 72	D-	71 – 70	F <70

BEING DROPPED FROM THIS COURSE DUE TO A LACK OF ATTENDANCE

You may not be absent for more than 10% of the class sessions for this course (approximately 2 weeks). Therefore, you will be allowed a maximum of 2 absences. **Upon your third (3^d) absence your instructor CAN withdraw you from the course.** Your instructor may also withdraw you from this course due to lack of academic progress (i.e. performance), failure to attend on a regular basis (i.e. participation), disruptive classroom attitude and behavior as well.

***** If your instructor does NOT drop you from this course, it is YOUR responsibility to withdraw to avoid receiving a late drop or an "F"! *****

TARDINESS AS AN ATTENDANCE PROBLEM

Being tardy disrupts class activities, and is an indicator of poor performance on the same starred core abilities; therefore, for every three (3) times that you are tardy, you will be charged one (1) absence.

LATE EXAMS/ASSIGNMENTS

An "unexcused" absence from an exam will result in a loss of **30% of total points.**

All exams need to be taken within ONE (1) week of the original exam date to receive credit. Exams NOT taken with one (1) week of the exam date will NOT be accepted!

Unexcused late assignments (i.e. semester project) will also result in a loss of points of **10% per CALENDAR day!**

YOU are responsible for all assigned material, which includes lecture notes. You should communicate with your fellow students for any missed lecture notes.

CLASSROOM MANAGEMENT:

Please make good use of the class time by being engaged in what's going on.

***** Refrain from talking that is NOT related to the learning activity! *****

This is not only disrespectful and a distraction to the instructor, but also to the other students in the classroom. Do not work on coursework for this course, or from another course during this class time, unless otherwise instructed.

Please turn off your cell phones while in class. There is to be no texting while in class.

Laptops are acceptable as long as they are used solely for note-taking and are NOT allowed for an exam. Please PRINT out your notes for all exams.

Respect the other students in the class by not making fun of them, or of their ideas and by not holding side conversations that distracts them and me (the instructor), from the learning activity.

Academic Integrity policy for MSTC:

The Mid-State Technical College Board, administration, faculty and staff believe that academic honesty and integrity are fundamental to the mission of higher education. All students are expected to maintain and promote the highest standards of personal honesty and professional integrity. These standards apply to all examinations, assigned work and projects. Therefore, a student who is found to have been dishonest, fraudulent, or deceptive in the completion of work, or is willing to help others to be so, or who plagiarizes; presents the work of others as his or her own, is subject to disciplinary action up to and including suspension.

Statement of Disability Services:

If you know you have a recognized disability, or suspect that you might have one, it is your responsibility to identify yourself as soon as possible to the Disability Services staff in Student Services. Course standards will not be lowered, but various kinds of accommodations are available to you. Adequate and reasonable time will be required to develop and provide appropriate accommodations, so contact Disability Services as soon as possible. It is MSTC's goal to assist you in your educational plan.