

San José State University
ECON 1B, Principles of Economics: Microeconomics
Combined Section Syllabus: Sections 80, 82 & 99
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Course and Contact Information

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Class Days/Time:	01- <u>Completely online</u> with NO designated day/time meeting pattern.
Classroom:	Online Instruction—All instruction takes place online, with no physical in-person or on campus meetings or activities required.
Canvas Course Page	sjsu.instructure.com
GE/SJSU Studies Category:	GE Area D1: Social Science, Human Behavior

Course Format

Technology Intensive, Hybrid, and Online Courses

This course adopts a completely online delivery format with no designated day/time meeting pattern. Reliable internet connectivity, computer, laptop, and/or smart device (e.g. tablet) with webcam and microphone are required for the course. This course requires the use of electronic proctoring through [ProctorU](#) for midterm exams and the final exam.

Course Description

SJSU Catalog Description: Allocation of resources and distribution of income as affected by the workings of the price system and by government policies.

Further Description: Microeconomics studies the choice of individuals, firms, the government, and other organizations. The course will provide an introduction to the concepts and tools used by economists to analyze decisions made by individuals and firms who face limited resources.

Course Prerequisites

There are no course prerequisites. Econ 1B may be taken concurrently or prior to Econ 1A.

Course Web Page, E-mail and Other Communication

The syllabus, Launchpad access, videos, resources, quizzes, exams, etc. may be found on the Canvas course page; this will be your “one stop shop” for the course. Students are responsible for regularly checking Canvas, as well as their e-mail address currently on file with MySJSU, and spam box. Also, in Canvas, you can set your notification preferences to daily; note that default setting is weekly notification. Please check Canvas “Announcements” for any updates as well as reminders.

Course Learning Outcomes (CLO)

This course satisfies Economics BA/BS PL01: Microeconomics. By the end of the course, students should be able to:

- Define microeconomic terms.
- Explain how microeconomic concepts and tools are used to understand economic behavior.
- Apply microeconomic concepts and tools to analyze and evaluate markets, firms, and policies.
- Relate microeconomic principles to individual decision-making, current events, and a range of policy questions.

GE Learning Outcomes (GELO)

Economics 1B is a general education course that meets the requirements for area D1, Human Behavior in the social science area. Students learn to apply microeconomic theory, to evaluate social information, draw upon different points of view, and formulate policy implications. Finally, students are able to place social events in an appropriate context. The GE writing requirement (1500 word minimum) will be satisfied by writing assignments. Details of the writing requirement and assignments will be posted on Canvas.

Required Course Materials

LaunchPad for Cowen's Modern Principles of Microeconomics, 3rd edition (6 month online access)
Tyler Cowen, Alex Tabarrok
Macmillan Learning
©2015 | Third Edition | ISBN-10: 1-4641-4537-7; ISBN-13: 978-1-4641-4537-7; Format: LaunchPad

LaunchPad is **REQUIRED** for this class and includes an eTextbook. LaunchPad includes the following (in addition to the eTextbook):

- LearningCurve, a personalized study plan and adaptive assessment tool
- Multimedia and interactive tutorials for practice and mastery of concepts
- Seamless integration with Canvas

Students can choose to purchase a print text as well; special package ISBNs with the print text bundled with a LaunchPad access card are available online. **Used books DO NOT include LaunchPad access.** LaunchPad Registration Instructions (and purchase options) can be found on Canvas.

Other Readings and Multimedia

Online articles
Online videos
Online assessments

There is no additional cost for online materials, activities or assessments. All other course materials will be created and provided free of charge on the Canvas course site.

Technology requirements / equipment / material

Required: Internet connectivity, Computer/Laptop/Tablet with webcam and microphone, Canvas, LaunchPad, and ProctorU.

Canvas

Canvas is the “one stop shop” for the course and will house all communication, content, activities, assignments, assessments, exams, grades, and LaunchPad. Canvas student resources can be found here:

http://www.sjsu.edu/at/ec/canvas/student_resources_new/index.html.

LaunchPad

LaunchPad contains course specific content and is integrated with Canvas for single sign-on access. Students are, at a minimum, required to have access to LaunchPad which includes an eTextbook. Students can choose to purchase a print text as well.

ProctorU

This course requires the use of electronic proctoring for midterm exams and the final exam through ProctorU. For online exam proctoring, it **is necessary that your computer has a webcam with a microphone and a reliable, high-speed internet connection**. Please visit <https://www.proctoru.com/portal/sjsu/> for further information, to create an account, and schedule exam proctoring. ProctorU information can also be found on Canvas. Online proctoring through ProctorU is free for San Jose State University students enrolled in fully online courses.

Course Requirements and Assignments

LearningCurve: Students will have weekly adaptive learning assessments.

Quizzes: Students will have weekly summative quizzes.

Online Participation: Students are expected to participate in weekly online discussions and/or individual or group problem sets and activities. (*University Policy F15-12*: <http://www.sjsu.edu/senate/docs/F15-12.pdf>)

Writing assignments: Students will be assigned writing assignments as per the GE writing requirement. Further information will be posted on Canvas.

Exams: Students will take two, closed-book exams for this course. Each exam is 75 minutes and will be proctored online through ProctorU. Further information regarding the exams and ProctorU is posted on Canvas.

Final Exam: One cumulative final exam. The final exam is 150 minutes and will be proctored online through ProctorU. Further information regarding the final exam and ProctorU will be posted on Canvas.

As per *University Policy S17-41* (<http://www.sjsu.edu/senate/docs/S17-1.pdf>), "Faculty members are required to have a culminating activity for their courses, which can include a final examination, a final research paper or project, a final creative work or performance, a final portfolio of work, or other appropriate assignment."

Note: no make-ups for any late or missed assignments, e.g. LearningCurve, quizzes, writing assignments, or exams.

Assignments and Grading Information

Your numerical grade will be based on the following categories and weights:

LearningCurve	15%
Quizzes	15%
Online Participation	10%
Writing Assignments	10%
Exam 1	15%
Exam 2	15%
Final Exam	20%

Determination of Grades

Your letter grade will be determined by your numerical grade as follows:

Points	Grade	Points	Grade	Points	Grade
97-100	A+	93-96.99	A	90-92.99	A-
87-89.99	B+	83-86.99	B	80-82.99	B-
77-79.99	C+	73-76.99	C	70-72.99	C-
67-69.99	D+	63-66.99	D	60-62.99	D-
Less than 60 points is an F.					

Grades are not rounded up.

Per [University Policy S16-9](#), “Success in this course is based on the expectation that students will spend, for each unit of credit, a minimum of 45 hours over the length of the course (normally three hours per unit per week) for instruction, preparation/studying, or course related activities, including but not limited to internships, labs, and clinical practica. Other course structures will have equivalent workload expectations as described in the syllabus.”

Online Class Decorum

Students are expected to maintain proper decorum in the online Canvas site and forums - no offensive language or other improper conduct. Please review the “Netiquette” document on Canvas for further information regarding online class decorum and expectations.

Academic Integrity

Students must abide by the San José State University Academic Integrity Policy found at <http://info.sjsu.edu/static/policies/integrity.html>. There is zero tolerance for cheating, plagiarism, or any other violation of academic integrity.

Accommodations for Learning Disabilities

Students with learning disabilities are encouraged to request accommodations for the course. Please contact the Accessible Education Center at <http://www.sjsu.edu/aec/services-at-a-glance/academic-accommodation> to schedule an appointment with an AEC coordinator to determine eligibility and register.

University Policies

Per University Policy S16-9, university-wide policy information relevant to all courses is available at the Office of Graduate and Undergraduate Programs’ Syllabus Information web page at <http://www.sjsu.edu/gup/syllabusinfo>.

Course Schedule

The schedule below is a guideline and may be subject to change with notice.

Week	Dates	Topic	Reading and Assignments
1	01/20 - 01/26 (mon-sun) 01/20: Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day 01/23: First day of instruction	Introduction and Syllabus; Microeconomics Big Ideas	Purchase Macmillan LaunchPad for Modern Principles of Microeconomics, Cowen and Tabarrok (CT), Ch. 1
2	01/27-02/02	Power of Trade and Comparative Advantage	CT, Ch. 2
3	02/03-02/09 02/04: Last day to drop without a W grade	Supply and Demand – Introduction	CT, Ch. 3
4	02/10-02/16	Supply and Demand Applications	CT, Ch. 4
5	02/17-02/23	Elasticity	CT, Ch. 5
6	02/24-03/01 02/27 - 02/28: Exam	Exam 1 (covers weeks 2-5) Exam proctored online through ProctorU	Review for Exam 1
7	03/2-03/08	Price Ceilings and Price Floors	CT, Ch. 8
8	03/09-03/15	Externalities	CT, Ch. 10
9	03/16-03/22	Costs and Profit Maximization	CT, Ch. 11
10	03/23-03/29	Monopoly	CT, Ch. 13
11	03/30-04/05 03/31: Cesar Chavez Day	Spring Recess	
12	04/06-04/12	Oligopoly and Monopolistic Competition	CT, Ch. 15 & 17 (all of Chp 15; Chp 17: 319-323)
13	04/13-04/19 04/16 - 04/17: Exam	Exam 2 (covers weeks 7-12) Exam proctored online through ProctorU	Review for Exam 2
14	04/20-04/26 04/23: Last day to withdraw for Spring	Price Discrimination	CT, Ch. 14
15	04/27-05/03	Public Goods	CT, Ch. 19
16	05/04-05/10	Political Economy and Public Choice	CT, Ch. 20
17	05/11-05/17 05/11: last day of instruction 05/14-05/15: Econ 1B Final Exam	FINAL EXAM (cumulative) Exam proctored online through ProctorU	No late, make-up, or extra credit work allowed after last day of instruction. Review for final exam. Check ProctorU technical requirements. **05/23: Final grade viewable on MySJSU**