

**San José State University – Economics Department**  
**ECON 2B: Microeconomics Lab**  
**Section 80/81 – Fall 2021**

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Classroom:	n/a
Prerequisites:	A three-unit principles of microeconomics class

### **Course Description**

This course is designed to be complimentary to the three-unit, principles of microeconomics class you took before transferring to SJSU. A distinguishing feature of four-unit Principles of Microeconomics courses at SJSU is the writing component. Therefore, this class will evaluate your understanding of the basic principles of microeconomics, and application of those concepts to real world problems, via a multi-step term paper.

Notes:

- If you are in 2A and 2B at the same time, a lot of information will be redundant. Both courses are designed similarly, with the main difference being essay content and expectations. Please read the prompts carefully, and contact me with questions if you have any.
- This class is a one-unit class. In addition to instruction & lecture, students should plan to spend three hours per week, and per unit on each class throughout the semester (as specified by SJSU's website).

### **Course Format**

This is a fully online course that will require students to use a computer with internet connectivity, word processing capabilities, sound, and audio or video recordings (Zoom calls optional). All course instructions and materials including the syllabus, worksheets, grades, and more can be found on or are linked to from Canvas in the modules. Announcements will be made via email. You are responsible for checking Canvas and your associated email inbox regularly!

### **Course Expectations**

Before taking this course, you should be comfortable with the basic principles of microeconomics. You should also have good reading comprehension, writing skills, and critical thinking skills.

Furthermore, I expect that students will demonstrate autonomy in this course. Online courses require a high degree of personal responsibility, because professors have less ability to keep you on track and ensure you are reading and listening to all instructions. In college more generally, your performance and progression through each course is your own responsibility. Professors play a supportive role, but it is up to you to ask questions and reach out for help when needed

## Course Learning Outcomes (CLO)

This course emphasizes two PLOs and two CLOs. The PLOs are microeconomic theory, and communication. The two CLOs which will be assessed by the term paper are:

- 1) Explain and apply core concepts in microeconomics.
- 2) Use tools of microeconomic analysis to analyze a problem of societal importance.

**Required Textbook** - *none*

## Library Liaison

The librarian for the Economics Department is Christa Bailey. She is very helpful and can be reached at [Christa.Bailey@sjsu.edu](mailto:Christa.Bailey@sjsu.edu) or (408) 808-2422

## Assignments and Grading

This course is pass/fail. You must receive a “pass” on each assignment to proceed to the next. Passing the course requires a “pass” on every assignment. Please ensure you do not fall behind on due dates, because you may not have time to finish the course assignments:

- 1) Proposal - written outline
- 2) 1st Draft - submit finished draft and complete PeerMark  
\* optional (recommended: utilize the SJSU Writing Center & Grammarly.com)
- 3) 2nd Draft - submit revised essay for feedback from instructor
- 4) Final Draft - revise and submit final paper

For more details on each part, as well as due dates, refer to the essay prompt.

## University Policies

Per [University Policy S16-9](http://www.sjsu.edu/senate/docs/S16-9.pdf) (<http://www.sjsu.edu/senate/docs/S16-9.pdf>), relevant university policy concerning all courses, such as student responsibilities, academic integrity, accommodations, dropping and adding, consent to record a class, etc. and available student services (e.g. learning assistance, counseling, and other resources) are listed on [Syllabus Information](#), which is hosted by the Office of Undergraduate Education. Make sure to visit this page to review and be aware of these university policies and resources.

## Cheating

Cheating is a violation of the University Honor Code. If you are caught cheating, you will immediately lose all points for that assignment and may face additional disciplinary action. Cheating can jeopardize your entire degree, even after the degree has been awarded. It's not worth it!

## Attendance Policy

Since this is an online class, there are no attendance requirements. However, please be diligent in completing all work and assignments. A "zero" is much worse for your grade than even an "F".