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Department of Economics

Principles of Microeconomics
EC131.13/EC131.14 - Fall 1998

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Text: REQUIRED - Tresch, Richard, Principles of Economics, West Publishing Company.
RECOMMENDED - Goscinnny & Uderzo, Obelix and Co., Dargaud Publishing International, Ltd.
Various Internet sites.
If time permits, I may assign supplemental readings throughout the semester.

<u>Course Requirements:</u>	<u>% of grade</u>	
Numerous Problem Sets	15%	cumulative
Class Participation	15%	
1 Midterm Exam	30%	tba
1 Final	40%	tba

There will be several problem sets over the course of the semester. Problem sets will be handed out in class one week before they are due and are to be turned in on the day due prior to class. They are designed to help you understand the material and practice for the exams. You are encouraged to work together on the problem sets, but you must submit your own answers. By building constructive and regular study groups you can learn as much from each other as you can from me. You are, of course, not to simply copy the work from someone else. At the end of the semester, I will drop your lowest problem set grade.

The midterm will be an essay, similar to a take-home exam. I will work closely with you on the choice of your topic. The object of the essay is to increase your interest in the subject and to give you a chance to exercise your creativity. It will also give me an idea about your interests and give you the opportunity to share your own opinions on Microeconomics.

There will be no make-up exams. If you miss an exam for a good reason, let me know immediately, otherwise any missed exams will be scored a zero unless you notify me ahead of time and I give my consent for you to miss it. Consent to miss an exam will be given at my discretion and in very exceptional cases only. Personal illness will require a note from the health center. If you do poorly on one assignment but consistently well on the other assignments and the final, the one poor performance will be discounted.

The final is comprehensive and required.

I expect you to read the text carefully and to attend all classes. I strongly recommend keeping up with the reading in the text and reviewing your notes on a weekly if not daily basis.

Active class participation is strongly encouraged and required by the university. It will also make up 15% of your final grade. One of my main objectives is keeping this course interactive and interesting. I will utilize the numerous sites in the Internet to equip you with the most up-to-date knowledge on the subject. I welcome any course related questions and issues of interest at any time.

I like to think of us, the class and me, as a team working together, and I wish our team

A GREAT SEMESTER !!!