



Course Outline 2022-2023

ECON 1021A Section 530

Principles of Microeconomics

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General Information

Course #: Economics 1021A
Section #: 530
Term: Fall
Year: 2022-23
Delivery: In Person
Course Day and Time: Fridays 11:30 – 2:30

Course Location: BR 204

Instructor Information

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Office location: Zoom

Course Description

The problem of scarcity and its implications, choice; opportunity cost, specialization and exchange; supply and demand; economic choices of households and firms; competition and monopoly; resource markets; public policy; income distribution.

Antirequisite(s): The former Economics 1020.

Extra Information: 3 lecture hours (Brescia, Huron, King's)

Required Course Materials

Principles of Microeconomics Edition: 8th, By: N. Gregory Mankiw, Publisher: Cengage Learning
Print ISBN: 9781305971493, 1305971493 **OR:**
eText ISBN: 9781337516891, 1337516899
Available: <https://www.vitalsource.com>

However, any first basic first year Microeconomics textbook would be acceptable.

Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this course students will be able to:

1. Articulate the problem of scarcity and give examples of trade-offs
2. Identify the determinants of supply and demand
3. Distinguish between a shift versus movement along supply and demand curves
4. Diagram cost curves
5. Calculate elasticity
6. Predict the effect of market structure on firm behavior
7. Discuss the role and tools of government in the market place, and predict the potential effects of government interventions
8. Describe derived demand for labour and capital
9. Illustrate the impact of externalities on market efficiency
10. Explain income distribution and argue “fairness”

Student competency levels on these outcomes will vary. You can expect to achieve these outcomes if you honour course policies, attend classes regularly, complete all assigned work in good faith and on time, demonstrate comprehension of the course content, and meet all other course expectations of you as a student.

Brescia Competencies

The Competencies are Brescia’s institution-level learning outcomes.

This course will focus on the following competencies/levels:

1. Communication (Level 1)
2. Critical Thinking (Level 1)
3. Inquiry and Analysis (Level 1)
4. Problem Solving (Level 1)
5. Valuing (Level 1)

For more information about the Brescia competencies please visit the link below:

[Competency Based Learning - Brescia University College \(uwo.ca\)](https://www.uwo.ca/learning/competency-based-learning)

Teaching Methodology and Expectations of Students

This course is in person. Readings may be expanded upon by way of videos, exercises, cases, and/or class discussions. You are expected to be prepared and fully engaged in learning. You should check OWL regularly for lecture notes, reading, and announcements.

In the event of a COVID-19 resurgence during the course that necessitates the course moving away from in-person delivery, course content may be delivered online either synchronously (i.e., at the times indicated in

the timetable) or asynchronously (e.g., posted on OWL for students to view at their convenience). There may also be changes to any remaining assessments at the discretion of the course instructor. In the event of a COVID-19 resurgence, detailed information about the impact on this course will be communicated by the Office of the Dean and by the course instructor.

COURSE POLICIES

Attendance

Attendance at all classes in this course is expected; however, circumstances may arise which make it impossible for you to attend. For this reason, students will be excused from one class without penalty. This absence will not negatively affect your In-Class Contribution to Learning grade. In the situation of an extended absence (see the final two pages of this outline), please discuss with your Academic Advisor.

Under University regulations, your instructor can determine at which point absenteeism has become excessive and approach the Academic Dean who may stop your final paper from being marked, thus preventing you from passing the course. **At the discretion of the instructor, any student who misses more than 25% of scheduled classes will receive an In-Class Contribution to Learning grade of 0 for the course.**

Student Use of Technology in Class

The nature of the classroom requires that electronic devices (laptops, tablets, and/or smart phones) be used to participate in some class activities. There will be times where students will be asked to close or put devices away. Students are asked to fully cooperate with in-class instructions. Failure to cooperate and using devices for non-class activities (texting, checking email, checking social media pages, etc.) will result in a "0" in In-Class Contribution to Learning for that class. Recording devices of any kind (camera, recorders, phones, etc.) may not be operated without my consent.

Privacy

To respect privacy laws and the privacy of individual students, all grades will be distributed on OWL only. To respect your privacy, I will discuss your grades only with you. Please do not share or compare your grades. I cannot share information about another student's grades, so discussions comparing grades between students will not be entertained.

DROPPING A COURSE

To drop a course without academic penalty, you must drop the course by the following date:

For further details, check Western's online Academic Calendar. To book an appointment with one of Brescia's Academic Advisors, visit

https://www.brescia.uwo.ca/enrolment_services/academic_advising/book_an_appointment.php. If you are registered at another affiliate or main campus, please make an appointment to see your academic advisor at your home campus.

Email

Email is a useful tool for sharing news, setting up appointments, or for a simple assignment clarification, but for more complex questions, an electronic face-to-face meeting is best. Please make an appointment to discuss any personal, academic, group work, or controversial issues in person, especially any concerns that you might have about your grades. For privacy reasons, you must use your Western email account to contact me. Please include your name, course and section number in the subject line of your emails.

If you are emailing to let me know that you will not be in class, I will make a note of it but may not respond. Academic accommodation requests must go through the academic advisors. If you are asking a question that is answered on OWL (example: "what did we do in class today?") I will not respond. Please check OWL before emailing. If you have an exceptional question the response to which would benefit the class, I thank you, and will post a response on OWL with gratitude. I will not check email over weekends and holidays, so plan accordingly.

Appointments

Students are welcome to meet with me by arranging an on-line appointment at a mutually convenient time. Be on time for your appointment, have an objective for the discussion.

Evaluation

Evaluation Breakdown:

Component	Weight	Timing	Learning outcome	Brescia competencies
Contribution to Learning Community (in class and forum contribution)	10%	On-going	1-10	1-5
Test #1	25%	Oct. 7th	4-5	1,2,4
Test #2	25%	Nov. 11th	1-4	1-4
Final Exam Multiple choice cumulative Set by the Registrar DO NOT MAKE TRAVEL PLANS!	40%		1-10	1-5

Copyright and Intellectual Property

PowerPoint lecture slides and notes, lists of readings, in-class activities, assignment guidelines, and other components of the course materials are typically the intellectual property of the instructor. Unauthorized reproduction through audio-recording, video-recording, photographing, sharing on social media, or posting on course-sharing websites is an infringement of copyright and is prohibited. **Such action may be considered a Code of Conduct violation and lead to sanctions.**

Course Content

The order of topics is subject to change, please visit OWL regularly to check.

Weekly Organizer:

Class/Week	Date	Description	Assignments Due
1	September 9 th	Introduction Economic principles Scarcity and Trade offs Production Possibilities	CTLC
2	September 16 th	Interdependence and gains from Trade Supply, Demand and Equilibrium	CTLC
3	September 23 nd	Elasticity	CTLC
4	September 30 th	Government Interventions Market Efficiency	CTLC
5	October 7 th	TEST #1 Multiple Choice 25%	CTLC
6	October 14 th	Production and costs	CTLC
7	October 20 st	Market structures	CTLC
8	October 28 th	Market structures	CTLC
	October 31 st – November 5 th	Reading Week No classes	
9	November 11 th	Test #2 Multiple Choice 25%	
10	November 18 th	Factor markets	CTLC

11	November 25 th	Income distribution/poverty	CTLC
12	December 2nd	Public goods/externalities/taxes	CTLC

Academic Accommodation

For course components worth 10% or more of the total course grade, please see the Academic Policies and Regulations section at the end of this course outline or consult the Academic Calendar.

This course requires a high level of engagement for success. As we are online, I am not expecting a lot of absences for simply testing positive for Covid. Therefore, for course components worth less than 10% of the total course grade, **documentation will be required**. Medical or other supporting documentation should be submitted **to your Academic Advisor**.

2022-23 BRESCIA UNIVERSITY COLLEGE ACADEMIC POLICIES AND REGULATIONS

1. POLICY REGARDING ACADEMIC ACCOMMODATION

The complete policy regarding Accommodation for Illness - Undergraduate Students can be found at https://www.westerncalendar.uwo.ca/PolicyPages.cfm?Command=showCategory&PolicyCategoryID=1&SelectedCalendar=Live&ArchiveID=#Page_135

Students who have long-term or chronic medical conditions which may impede their ability to complete academic responsibilities should seek Academic Accommodation through Student Accessibility Services (https://www.westerncalendar.uwo.ca/PolicyPages.cfm?Command=showCategory&PolicyCategoryID=1&SelectedCalendar=Live&ArchiveID=#Page_10).

Personal commitments (e.g., vacation flight bookings, work schedule) which conflict with a scheduled test, exam or course requirement are **not** grounds for academic accommodation.

Students who experience an illness or extenuating circumstance sufficiently severe to temporarily render them unable to meet academic requirements may submit a request for academic consideration through the following routes:

1. For medical absences, submitting a **Student Medical Certificate (SMC)** signed by a licensed medical or mental health practitioner;
2. For non-medical absences, submitting **appropriate documentation** (e.g., obituary, police report, accident report, court order, etc.) to their Academic Advisor. Students are encouraged to contact their Academic Advisor to clarify what documentation is acceptable.

Request for Academic Consideration for a Medical Absence

When a student requests academic accommodation (e.g., extension of a deadline, a makeup exam) for work representing 10% or more of the student's overall grade in the course, it is the responsibility of the student to provide acceptable documentation to support a medical or compassionate claim. All such requests for academic accommodation **must** be made through an Academic Advisor and include supporting documentation.

Academic accommodation for illness will be granted only if the documentation indicates that the onset, duration and severity of the illness are such that the student could not reasonably be expected to complete their academic responsibilities. Minor ailments typically treated by over-the-counter medications will not normally be accommodated.

The following conditions apply for students seeking academic accommodation on medical grounds:

1. Students must submit their Student Medical Certificate (SMC) along with a request for relief specifying the nature of the accommodation being requested no later than two business days after the date specified for resuming responsibilities. An SMC can be downloaded from https://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/medicalform.pdf;
2. In cases where there might be an extended absence or serious issue, students should submit their documentation promptly and consult their Academic Advisor for advice during their recovery period;
3. Whenever possible, students who require academic accommodation should provide notification and documentation in advance of due dates, scheduled tests or examinations, and other academic requirements;
4. Students **must** communicate with their instructors **no later than 24 hours** after the end of the period covered by the SMC to clarify how they will fulfil the academic expectations they may have missed during the absence;
5. Appropriate academic accommodation will be determined by the Dean's Office/Academic Advisor in consultation with the course instructor(s). Academic accommodation may include extension of deadlines, waiver of attendance requirements, arranging Special Exams (make-ups), re-weighting course requirements, or granting late withdrawal without academic penalty.

2. ACADEMIC CONCERNS

If you feel that you have a medical or personal challenge that is interfering with your work, contact your instructor and Academic Advisor as soon as possible. Problems may then be documented and possible arrangements to assist you can be discussed at the time of occurrence rather than on a retroactive basis. Retroactive requests for academic accommodation on medical or compassionate grounds are not normally considered.

If you think that you are too far behind to catch up or that your work load is not manageable, you should consult your Academic Advisor (https://brescia.uwo.ca/enrolment_services/academic_advising/book_an_appointment.php). If you consider reducing your workload by dropping one or more courses, this must be done by the appropriate deadlines; please contact your Academic Advisor or see the list of sessional dates in the Academic Calendar (<https://www.westerncalendar.uwo.ca/SessionalDates.cfm?SelectedCalendar=Live&ArchiveID=>).

You should consult with the course instructor and the Academic Advisor who can help you consider alternatives to dropping one or more courses. *Note that dropping a course may affect OSAP eligibility and/or Entrance Scholarship eligibility.*

3. ABSENCES

Short Absences: If you miss a class due to a minor illness or other problems, check your course outline for information regarding attendance requirements and make sure you are not missing a test or assignment. Cover any readings and arrange to borrow notes from a classmate. Contact the course instructor if you have any questions.

Please note that for asynchronous online courses, attendance or participation requirements may be different than for synchronous or in-person courses.

Extended Absences: If you have an extended absence, you should contact the course instructor and an Academic Advisor. Your course instructor and Academic Advisor can discuss ways for you to catch up on missed work, and arrange academic accommodations if appropriate and warranted.

It is important to note that the Academic Dean may refuse permission to write the final examination in a course if the student has failed to maintain satisfactory academic standing throughout the year or for too frequent absence from the class or laboratory

(https://www.westerncalendar.uwo.ca/PolicyPages.cfm?Command=showCategory&PolicyCategoryID=5&SelectedCalendar=Live&ArchiveID=#Page_64).

4. SCHOLASTIC OFFENCES

Scholastic offences are taken seriously and students are directed to read the appropriate policy, specifically, the definition of what constitutes a Scholastic Offence at:

https://www.westerncalendar.uwo.ca/PolicyPages.cfm?Command=showCategory&PolicyCategoryID=1&SelectedCalendar=Live&ArchiveID=#Page_20.

Students are responsible for understanding the nature of and avoiding the occurrence of plagiarism and other academic offences. Note that such offences include plagiarism, cheating on an examination, submitting false or fraudulent assignments or credentials, impersonating a candidate, or submitting for credit in any course without the knowledge and approval of the instructor to whom it is submitted, any academic work for which credit has previously been obtained or is being sought in another course in the University or elsewhere. Students are advised to consult the section on Scholastic Discipline for Undergraduate Students in the Academic Calendar.

If you are in doubt about whether what you are doing is inappropriate or not, consult your instructor, the Academic Dean's Office, or the Registrar. A claim that "you didn't know it was wrong" is not accepted as an excuse.

The penalties for a student guilty of a scholastic offence (including plagiarism) include refusal of a passing grade in the assignment, refusal of a passing grade in the course, suspension from the University, and expulsion from the University.

Plagiarism:

Students must write their essays and assignments in their own words. Whenever students take an idea or a passage from another author, they must acknowledge their debt both by using quotation marks where appropriate and by proper referencing such as footnotes or citations. Plagiarism is a major academic offence.

All required papers may be subject to submission for textual similarity review to the commercial plagiarism detection software under license to the University for the detection of plagiarism. All papers submitted for such checking will be included as source documents in the reference database for the purpose of detecting plagiarism of papers subsequently submitted to the system. Use of the service is subject to the licensing agreement, currently between The University of Western Ontario and Turnitin.com.

Computer-marked Tests/exams:

Computer-marked multiple-choice tests and/or exams may be subject to submission for similarity review by software that will check for unusual coincidences in answer patterns that may indicate cheating. Software currently in use to score computer-marked multiple-choice tests and exams performs a similarity review as part of standard exam analysis.

5. PROCEDURES FOR APPEALING ACADEMIC EVALUATIONS

All appeals of a grade must be directed first to the course instructor. If the student is not satisfied with the decision of the course instructor, a written appeal is to be sent to the School Chair. If the response of the Chair is considered unsatisfactory to the student, they may then submit a written appeal to the Office of the

Dean. If the student is not satisfied with the decision of the Dean, they may appeal to the Senate Review Board Academic (SRBA), if there are sufficient grounds for the appeal and if the matter falls within the jurisdiction of the SRBA. For information on academic appeals consult your Academic Advisor or see the Student Academic Appeals – Undergraduate in the Academic Calendar https://www.westerncalendar.uwo.ca/PolicyPages.cfm?Command=showCategory&PolicyCategoryID=1&SelectedCalendar=Live&ArchiveID=#Page_14.

Note that final course marks are not official until the Academic Dean has reviewed and signed the final grade report for the course. If course marks deviate from acceptable and appropriate standards, the Academic Dean may require grades to be adjusted to align them with accepted grading practices.

6. PREREQUISITES

Unless you have either the prerequisites for a course or written Special Permission from the Dean to enroll in it, you will be removed from the course and it will be deleted from your record. This decision may not be appealed. You will receive no adjustment to your fees in the event that you are dropped from a course for failing to have the necessary prerequisite(s).

7. SUPPORT

Support Services

The Brescia University College Registrar's website, with a link to Academic Advisors, is at <http://brescia.uwo.ca/academics/registrar-services/>. Students can access supports through Brescia's Student Life Centre (<http://brescia.uwo.ca/life/student-life/>) and Learning Development & Success at Western (<https://www.uwo.ca/sdc/learning/>).

Mental Health and Wellness

Students may experience a range of issues that can cause barriers to your learning, such as increased anxiety, feeling overwhelmed, feeling down or lost, difficulty concentrating and/or lack of motivation. Services are available to assist you with addressing these and other concerns you may be experiencing. You can obtain information about how to obtain help for yourself or others through **Health & Wellness at Brescia**, https://brescia.uwo.ca/student_life/health_and_wellness/index.php and **Health and Wellness at Western**, http://uwo.ca/health/mental_wellbeing/index.html.

Sexual Violence

All members of the Brescia University College community have a right to work and study in an environment that is free from any form of sexual violence. Brescia University College recognizes that the prevention of, and response to, Sexual Violence is of particular importance in the university environment. Sexual Violence is strictly prohibited and unacceptable and will not be tolerated. Brescia is committed to preventing Sexual Violence and creating a safe space for anyone in the Brescia community who has experienced Sexual Violence.

If you or someone you know has experienced any form of Sexual Violence, you may access resources at https://brescia.uwo.ca/safe_campus/sexual_violence/index.php.

Portions of this document were taken from the Academic Calendar, the Handbook of Academic and Scholarship Policy, and the Academic Handbook of Senate Regulations. This document is a summary of relevant regulations and does not supersede the academic policies and regulations of the Senate of the University of Western Ontario.
