

KHAZAR UNIVERSITY
Introduction to Economics (ECON 101)
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TEXTS

Applied Economics, JA International, 1995
Economics, Campbell R. McConnell, Stanley L. Brue.

COURSE INFORMATION

Prerequisite: none

Course Objective

Objective of this course is to teach students essentials of market economy, including basic economic concepts and economic processes.

Course Policy

Students should:

1. Participate fully in class discussions (in order to receive a passing grade on participation);
2. Turn in all in-class assignments and homework at the beginning of class. No late submissions are accepted;
3. Be in class on time. Late –comers will have to wait until break, and will receive a zero from the quiz;
4. Attend every class. Missing classes will result in 10 % loss of final grade. Missing four times or more results in automatically failing the course.

No exceptions will be made to the above policies.

Grading

Participation and Activity	10%
Midterm	30%
Business modeling in competitive environment (Computer based business- game)	20 %
Final Exam	40%
Total:	100%

COURSE CONTENTS

Week	Topics
1	Introduction. Function of market.
2	Market structure. Scarcity of resources.
3	Choices. Alternative costs.
4	Production resources. Basic principles of market economy, its goals, incentives and institutions. Quiz.
5	Demand and supply.
6	Market equilibrium. Effects of income and substitution.
7	Law of diminishing returns. Production possibilities curve. Supply in long-run period.
8	MIDTERM
9	Elasticity of demand and supply. Third parties' effects.
10	Aggregate supply and aggregate demand.
11	Economic functions of state.
12	Market Failure. Public goods.
13	Technology and costs of production resources. Alternative cost of doing business.
14	Business modeling in competitive environment
15	Competitive struggle. Computer based business game.
16	CONSULTATION
17	FINAL EXAM