ECON 200: Principles of Economics  
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Course Syllabus

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Course Description: This course examines the basic concepts in economics. The first part covers microeconomics. In this part, we will study how firms decide on production and households decide on consumption of goods and services. The second part covers macroeconomics. In this part, we will study the economy as a whole. Topics include national income, unemployment, inflation, and economic growth.


Succeeding in the Course: Doing well in this course requires you not only to attend lectures and read the textbook, but moreover to practice by solving problems. We strongly encourage you to attempt solving as many problems as you can. There will be weekly problem sets to help you through this process. These problems will be discussed and solved in the recitations conducted by the teaching assistants. (The problem sets will not be graded.) You should think of solving these problems as the necessary workload to succeed in this course.

Lectures:  
Section 1: Tue&Thu @11:00-12:15am, CAS Z08 (C.A.)  
Section 2: Tue&Thu @3:30-4:45pm, CAS Z08 (C.A.)  
Section 3: M&W @9:30-10:45am, SOS B07 (S.A.)  
Section 4: M&W @12:30-1:45pm, SOS B07 (S.A.)  
Section 5: M&W @11:00-12:15am, CAS B07 (Ö.Y.)  
Section 6: M&W @2:00-3:15pm, CAS B07 (Ö.Y.)

Problem Sessions:  
Suleyman Serdengecti  
PS-a TH A7 (15:30-16:30) @SCI-B41  
Ps-b FR A1 (09:30-10:30) @CAS-B24

Sinem Hıdır  
Ps-c FR A1 (09:30-10:30) @SOS-B10  
PS-f FR A7 (15:30-16.30) @SOS-B10

Ayşegül Sürenkök  
PS-d FR A3 (11:30-12:30) @SOS-B21  
PS-e Fr A7 (15:30-16:30) @CAS-B24
Course Requirements: There will be two midterm exams (25 % each) and one final exam (50 %). The exam dates are TBA per Registrar’s schedule. If you miss one or more midterm exams and have a valid excuse, a make-up exam will be given on the day of the final make-up exam. (However, we strongly recommend that you refrain from using this option.)

The consequences of cheating in exams are an F grade and disciplinary action. There is absolutely no exception to this policy.

Course Outline:

Introduction
Principles (Ch 1)
Interdependence and the gains from trade (Ch 3)

Supply and demand I: How markets work
The market forces of supply and demand (Ch 4)
Elasticity and its applications (Ch 5)
Supply demand and government policies (Ch 6)

Supply and demand II: Markets and welfare
Consumers, producers, and the efficiency of markets (Ch 7)
Application: The costs of taxation (Ch 8)
Application: International trade (Ch 9)

Firm behavior, and the organization of industry
The costs of production (Ch 13)
Firms in competitive markets (Ch 14)

The economics of labor markets
The markets for the factors of production (Ch 18)
Income inequality and poverty (Ch 20)

The data of macroeconomics
Measuring the national income (Ch 23)
Measuring the cost of living (Ch 24)

The real economy in the long-run
Production and growth (Ch 25)
Saving, investment, and the financial system (Ch 26)
Unemployment (Ch 28)

Money and prices in the long-run
The monetary system (Ch 29)
Money growth and inflation (Ch 30)

The macroeconomics of open economies
Basic concepts (Ch 31)
A macroeconomic theory of the open economy (Ch 32)