



APPLIES TO ACADEMIC YEAR 2008/2009

GRA 6626 Topics in Microeconomics

Program

Master of Science in Business and Economics, Master of Science in Business and Economics (Economics), Specialization Course

Responsible for the course

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Department

Department of Economics

Term

According to study plan

ECTS Credits

6

Language of instruction

English

Microeconomics is the basic tool for understanding complex market-oriented economies. This course provides the students with the concepts and models used in modern microeconomic analysis.

Learning outcome

Provide students with an understanding of the key areas of microeconomic, such as the nature of economic decisions of individual units and the role of economic institutions in shaping the allocation of resources in the economy.

Prerequisites

Microeconomics from the bachelor program - SØK 2220 and SØK 2221, or equivalent.

Compulsory literature

Books:

Cowell, Frank. 2006. Microeconomics : principles and analysis. Oxford : Oxford University Press

Recommended literature

Course outline

Main topics are:

Consumer theory

Theories of the firm and market structure

Competitive markets and general equilibrium analysis

Capital markets

Basic welfare economics and various forms of market failure

Choice under uncertainty

Computer-based tools

None

Course structure

36 hours of lectures and class discussions.

Specific Information regarding any aspect of student evaluation will be provided in class. Please note that whilst attendance is not compulsory, it is the students responsibility to obtain any information provided in class that is not included on the course homepage/Blackboard or text book.

Evaluation

Term paper (pass/fail), and 3 hours written exam. The term paper must be passed in order to sit the exam.

Evaluation code(s)

GRA 66261 accounts for 100 % of the final grade in the course GRA 6626.

Aids at the examination

A bilingual dictionary and BI-approved exam calculator. Exam aids at written examinations are explained under exam information in our web-based Student handbook. Please note use of calculator and dictionary. <http://www.bi.edu/studenthandbook/examaids>

Makeup exam

Re-takes are only possible at the next time a course will be held. When the course evaluation has a separate exam code for each part of the evaluation it is possible to retake parts of the evaluation. Otherwise, the whole course must be re-evaluated when a student wants to retake an exam. Retake examinations entail an extra examination fee.

Honor Code

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