



APPLIES TO ACADEMIC YEAR 2014/2015

DRE 7003 Topics in Microeconomics

Programme

Responsible for the course

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Department

Department of Economics

Term

According to study plan

ECTS Credits

6

Language of instruction

English

Introduction

The aim of the course is to give the students a thorough understanding of selected topics in microeconomics. Selection of topics will depend on the instructor of the course.

Course structure:

The course will be taught in three intensive modules. Each module consists of 2*5 hours (2 days and 5 hours per day).

Students are required to participate in class – both in discussions and by presenting models/material from the reading lists.

Learning outcome

After taking this course students should be able to apply rigorous microeconomic techniques to analyse economic performance in different institutional settings

Prerequisites

Admission to a PhD Programme is a general requirement for participation in PhD courses at BI Norwegian Business School. The course builds on DRE 4010 Advanced Microeconomics.

External candidates are kindly asked to attach confirmation of admission to a PhD programme when signing up for a course with the doctoral administration. Other candidates may be allowed to sit in on courses by approval of the course leader. Sitting in on courses does not permit registration for courses, handing in exams or gaining credits for the course. Course certificates or confirmation letters will not be issued for sitting in on courses

Compulsory reading

Other:

A complete list of articles and book chapters will be distributed during the first meeting or prior to the course. During the course there may be hand-outs and other material on additional topics relevant for the course and the examination

Recommended reading

Course outline

Decided by the instructor

The main objective of this course is to give an introduction to some of the main topics in modern advanced microeconomic theory. Examples of topics are contract theory, auction theory and network economics. The course focuses on the role of private information, incentive theory and mechanism design.

Computer-based tools

Learning process and workload

Workload (6 ECTS)

Lectures

30 hours

Specified learning activities (including reading)	75 hours
Autonomous student learning (including exam preparation)	75 hours
Total	180 hours

Examination

30 hours home exam.

Pass/fail

Examination code(s)

DRE 70031 home exam graded pass/fail counts for the final 100% grade in the course

Examination support materials

Not applicable

Re-sit examination

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.

Additional information

Honour Code

Academic honesty and trust are important to all of us as individuals, and represent values that are encouraged and promoted by the honour code system. This is a most significant university tradition. Students are responsible for familiarizing themselves with the ideals of the honour code system, to which the faculty are also deeply committed.

Any violation of the honour code will be dealt with in accordance with BI's procedures for cheating. These issues are a serious matter to everyone associated with the programs at BI and are at the heart of the honor code and academic integrity. If you have any questions about your responsibilities under the honour code, please ask.