

**Sam Houston State University**  
**College of Business Administration**  
**Department of Economics and International Business**

Course Syllabus

Fall 2007

**COURSE NUMBER:** Economics 233

**COURSE TITLE:** Principles of Microeconomics

**PREREQUISITES:** None

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**REQUIRED TEXT:** Economics, Hubbard and O'Brien, Prentice-Hall.

**SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIAL:** None

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:** Basic economic principles including price theory, analysis of the firm, competition and monopoly, and the distribution of income.

**COURSE OBJECTIVES:** The primary objective of the course is to introduce the student to fundamental ideas of microeconomics analysis so that they are prepared for subsequent course work in their curriculum. Each student should expect to:

Gain factual knowledge about the economy,

Learn fundamental principles, generalizations, and theories underlying economic analysis,

Learn to apply economic principles to improve thinking, problem solving, and decision making,

Develop specific skills associated with microeconomics,

Learn the role of markets, and profits in a market economy,

Gain a broader understanding of the concepts of comparative advantage, information, and international trade.

**COURSE EVALUATION PROCESS:** Course averages are determined by the following process:

Exam 1	100
Exam 2	100
Exam 3	100
Final Exam	100
Homework & Quizzes	<u>100</u>
Total	500

There will be three major exams during the course and a final. The final is mandatory of all students. On exam days once the first student has completed the exam and left the room, no other student will be allowed to take the exam if they are late.

Grades in the course will be determined by the following total points:

90-100%	A
80-89%	B
70-79%	C
60-69%	D
0-59%	F

Each exam will include objective questions as well as an assortment of short answer questions or problems. A scantron form 882 will be required to take the exams.

If a student misses any unannounced quizzes or class work due to an unexcused absence the student will not be allowed to make up the missed work. Regular and punctual attendance is expected.

**There will be no early finals or other examinations for any reason.**

**Smoking, Food, and Drinks are not allowed in class at any time.**

**Make up Exams:**

In order to qualify for a make-up exam, the student must inform the instructor prior to the time of the exam, via email or phone message, of their inability to take the exam at the assigned time. The make-up exam must be taken prior to the graded exams being handed back to the class. There will be no provision for making up a second missed exam. The student will receive a "0" for the second missed exam.

**Religious Holy Days Policy:**

Students who are absent from class for observance of a religious holy day will be allowed to take an examination or complete an assignment scheduled for that day within one week of returning to class. The student, not later than the 15<sup>th</sup> calendar day after the

first day of the semester, must notify the instructor of each scheduled class day that he/she will be absent for a religious holiday.

**Disabled Student Policy:**

It is the policy of SHSU that no otherwise qualified disabled individual shall, solely by reason of his/her handicap, be excluded from the participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any academic, Student Life Program, or activity. Handicapped students may request academic assistance when needed from a Committee for Continuing Academic Assistance for Disabled Students by visiting the Director of the Counseling Center in the Lee Drain Building.

**Class Conduct:**

Smoking, drinking, eating and use of cell phones during class is prohibited.

**Academic Misconduct:**

All students who enroll at Sam Houston State agree to assume the responsibilities of citizenship in the campus community. Cheating will not be tolerated.

**Attendance Policy:**

Attendance in this class is expected. Those who miss a substantial number of classes will penalize themselves by missing material that will be discussed in class, that may not appear in the texts, and over which the class will be tested. If a student arrives late for class and the roll has been taken, it is the responsibility of the student to notify the instructor at the end of **THAT PERIOD** that he/she arrived late and was not absent.