



MMBA8045

Economic Context of Management

MGSM term 4, Fully online/virtual 2020

Department of Economics

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Notice

As part of [Phase 3 of our return to campus plan](#), most units will now run tutorials, seminars and other small group learning activities on campus for the second half-year, while keeping an online version available for those students unable to return or those who choose to continue their studies online.

To check the availability of face-to-face and online activities for your unit, please go to [timetable viewer](#). To check detailed information on unit assessments visit your unit's iLearn space or consult your unit convenor.

General Information

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Credit points

10

Prerequisites

Admission to MBA or PGDipMgt or GradDipMgt

Corequisites

Co-badged status

Unit description

This unit examines economic analysis concepts and tools that enable students to set an organisation's decision-making within its wider economic context. Topics include supply, demand, and market equilibrium; scarcity; exchange and trade; choice theory; theory of the firm; game theory and strategy; market structure; asymmetric information; market failures. The course looks at economic variables and how rises and falls in these variables affect individuals, businesses, and industries. It also teaches students how to apply experimentation in organisations.

Important Academic Dates

Information about important academic dates including deadlines for withdrawing from units are available at <https://www.mq.edu.au/study/calendar-of-dates>

Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this unit, you will be able to:

ULO1: Evaluate a wide array of economic frameworks and information to formulate business decisions.

ULO2: Develop a strategy for efficient allocation of scarce resources.

ULO3: Critically reflect on how changes in economic conditions affect individual businesses and industries.

Assessment Tasks

Name	Weighting	Hurdle	Due
Class participation	20%	No	Weekly
Essay	30%	No	5pm, Friday, 23/10/2020
Applied managerial economics task	50%	No	5pm, Friday 20/11/2020

Class participation

Assessment Type ¹: Participatory task

Indicative Time on Task ²: 15 hours

Due: **Weekly**

Weighting: **20%**

Students are presented with quiz problems to solve. Answers and solutions are discussed in class time.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Evaluate a wide array of economic frameworks and information to formulate business decisions.
- Develop a strategy for efficient allocation of scarce resources.

Essay

Assessment Type ¹: Essay

Indicative Time on Task ²: 25 hours

Due: **5pm, Friday, 23/10/2020**

Weighting: **30%**

This 1,500 word essay will combine theory, analysis and current issues. Written communication skills will be emphasised.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Evaluate a wide array of economic frameworks and information to formulate business decisions.
- Develop a strategy for efficient allocation of scarce resources.
- Critically reflect on how changes in economic conditions affect individual businesses and industries.

Applied managerial economics task

Assessment Type ¹: Project

Indicative Time on Task ²: 35 hours

Due: **5pm, Friday 20/11/2020**

Weighting: **50%**

This 3,000 word written submission will bring together the concepts and ideas that the unit analyses.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Evaluate a wide array of economic frameworks and information to formulate business decisions.
- Develop a strategy for efficient allocation of scarce resources.
- Critically reflect on how changes in economic conditions affect individual businesses and industries.

¹ If you need help with your assignment, please contact:

- the academic teaching staff in your unit for guidance in understanding or completing this type of assessment
- the [Writing Centre](#) for academic skills support.

² Indicative time-on-task is an estimate of the time required for completion of the assessment task and is subject to individual variation

Delivery and Resources

Lectures

Lecture slides will be available on ilearn.

Weekly 'live' online lecture sessions will be held via zoom on:

Wednesdays 10am - 12pm starting from 16th September 2020.

The live lectures will be recorded on Zoom cloud and available via a link on iLearn.

Prescribed textbook:

Students will need to consult this textbook:

Samuelson, W., & Marks, S. G. (2015). Managerial Economics. Hoboken.

This textbook is available as an e-book from Macquarie University Library.

Policies and Procedures

Macquarie University policies and procedures are accessible from [Policy Central \(https://staff.mq.edu.au/work/strategy-planning-and-governance/university-policies-and-procedures/policy-central\)](https://staff.mq.edu.au/work/strategy-planning-and-governance/university-policies-and-procedures/policy-central). Students should be aware of the following policies in particular with regard to Learning and Teaching:

- [Academic Appeals Policy](#)
- [Academic Integrity Policy](#)
- [Academic Progression Policy](#)
- [Assessment Policy](#)
- [Fitness to Practice Procedure](#)
- [Grade Appeal Policy](#)
- [Complaint Management Procedure for Students and Members of the Public](#)
- [Special Consideration Policy](#) (**Note:** *The Special Consideration Policy is effective from 4 December 2017 and replaces the Disruption to Studies Policy.*)

Students seeking more policy resources can visit the [Student Policy Gateway \(https://students.mq.edu.au/support/study/student-policy-gateway\)](https://students.mq.edu.au/support/study/student-policy-gateway). It is your one-stop-shop for the key policies you need to know about throughout your undergraduate student journey.

If you would like to see all the policies relevant to Learning and Teaching visit [Policy Central \(https://staff.mq.edu.au/work/strategy-planning-and-governance/university-policies-and-procedures/policy-central\)](https://staff.mq.edu.au/work/strategy-planning-and-governance/university-policies-and-procedures/policy-central).

Student Code of Conduct

Macquarie University students have a responsibility to be familiar with the Student Code of Conduct: <https://students.mq.edu.au/study/getting-started/student-conduct>

Results

Results published on platform other than [eStudent](#), (eg. iLearn, Coursera etc.) or released directly by your Unit Convenor, are not confirmed as they are subject to final approval by the University. Once approved, final results will be sent to your student email address and will be made available in [eStudent](#). For more information visit ask.mq.edu.au or if you are a Global MBA student contact globalmba.support@mq.edu.au

Student Support

Macquarie University provides a range of support services for students. For details, visit <http://students.mq.edu.au/support/>

Learning Skills

Learning Skills (mq.edu.au/learningskills) provides academic writing resources and study strategies to help you improve your marks and take control of your study.

- [Getting help with your assignment](#)
- [Workshops](#)
- [StudyWise](#)
- [Academic Integrity Module](#)

The Library provides online and face to face support to help you find and use relevant information resources.

- [Subject and Research Guides](#)
- [Ask a Librarian](#)

Student Services and Support

Students with a disability are encouraged to contact the [Disability Service](#) who can provide appropriate help with any issues that arise during their studies.

Student Enquiries

For all student enquiries, visit Student Connect at ask.mq.edu.au

If you are a Global MBA student contact globalmba.support@mq.edu.au

IT Help

For help with University computer systems and technology, visit http://www.mq.edu.au/about_us/offices_and_units/information_technology/help/.

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