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General Information

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Credit points
10

Prerequisites
50cp at 1000 level or above including ECON111 or ECON1021

Corequisites

Co-badged status

Unit description
This is an intermediate-level unit in theoretical and applied microeconomics. Topics may include: consumer choice; demand theory; welfare measurement; labour supply; intertemporal consumption; choice under uncertainty; theory of the firm; production and cost theory; profit maximisation; perfect competition; monopoly; oligopoly; game theory and general equilibrium.

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: Analyse and describe how principles of microeconomics are relevant in decision-making by economic agents.
ULO2: Critically analyse microeconomic theory in the solution of real life economic problems.
ULO3: Demonstrate competence in communicating the knowledge, solution and interpretation of models in microeconomics.

General Assessment Information

Late submissions of assessments

Late Assessment Submission Penalty (written assessments)

Unless a Special Consideration request has been submitted and approved, a 5% penalty (of the...
Assessment Tasks

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Quizzes
Assessment Type 1: Quiz/Test
Indicative Time on Task 2: 15 hours
Due: **Weeks 3, 5, 9, 13 (online)**
Weighting: **20%**

There will be four quizzes conducted throughout the session. 20% marks will be allocated equally to these quizzes (5% each quiz).

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Assignments
Assessment Type 1: Essay
Indicative Time on Task: 30 hours
Due: Week 6, Week 12 (Turnitin submission by 3 PM Friday)
Weighting: 30%

There will be two individual assignments to be completed during the session. Each assignment will be in the form of a 1,250 word written essay and is worth 15% of your final mark in the unit.

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Final examination
Assessment Type: Examination
Indicative Time on Task: 35 hours
Due: University examination period
Weighting: 50%

A two-hour examination, consisting of multiple choice and short answer questions, will be held during the University Examination Period.

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• Demonstrate competence in communicating the knowledge, solution and interpretation of models in microeconomics.

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.
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
Refer to iLearn for details of delivery and resources.

Unit Schedule

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Policies and Procedures
Macquarie University policies and procedures are accessible from Policy Central (https://policies.mq.edu.au). Students should be aware of the following policies in particular with regard to Learning and Teaching:
Student Support

Macquarie University provides a range of support services for students. For details, visit [http://students.mq.edu.au/support/](http://students.mq.edu.au/support/)

The Writing Centre

The Writing Centre provides resources to develop your English language proficiency, academic writing, and communication skills.

- **Workshops**
- **Chat with a WriteWise peer writing leader**
Student Services and Support

Macquarie University offers a range of Student Support Services including:

- **IT Support**
- **Accessibility and disability support** with study
- **Mental health support**
- **Safety support** to respond to bullying, harassment, sexual harassment and sexual assault
- **Social support including information about finances, tenancy and legal issues**
- **Student Advocacy** provides independent advice on MQ policies, procedures, and processes

### Student Enquiries

Got a question? Ask us via AskMQ, or contact Service Connect.

### IT Help

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

When using the University's IT, you must adhere to the [Acceptable Use of IT Resources Policy](https://www.mq.edu.au/about_us/offices_and_units/information_technology/help/). The policy applies to all who connect to the MQ network including students.