



MMBA8045

Managerial Economics: Making Better Decisions

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Department of Economics

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General Information

Unit convenor and teaching staff

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Credit points

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Prerequisites

Admission to MBA or GradCertBusAdmin or GradDipBusAdmin or GradCertMgt or GradDipMgt

Corequisites

Co-badged status

Unit description

Learn economic concepts and tools that will enable you to view the business world from a new perspective, allowing you to make better managerial decisions. Set your organisation's decision-making within its broader economic context and consider the impact on overall efficiency. The unit's 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. Examine economic variables and how rises and falls in these variables affect individuals, businesses, and industries. Acquire skills 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 and use 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.

General Assessment Information

Late Assessment Submission Penalty (written assessments)

Unless a *Special Consideration* request has been submitted and approved, a 5% penalty (of the total possible mark) will be applied each day a written assessment is not submitted, up until the 7th day (including weekends). After the 7th day, a grade of '0' will be awarded even if the assessment is submitted. Submission time for all written assessments is set at 11.55pm. A 1-hour grace period is provided to students who experience a technical concern.

For any late submissions of time-sensitive tasks, such as scheduled tests/exams, performance assessments/presentations, and/or scheduled practical assessments/labs, students need to apply for *Special Consideration*.

Assessment Tasks

Name	Weighting	Hurdle	Due
Class participation	20%	No	Weeks 1-10, in class
Essay	30%	No	End of Week 5: February 16 at 23:59
Applied managerial economics task	50%	No	End of Week 10: March 23 at 23:59

Class participation

Assessment Type ¹: Participatory task

Indicative Time on Task ²: 15 hours

Due: **Weeks 1-10, in class**

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 and use 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: **End of Week 5: February 16 at 23:59**

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 and use 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: **End of Week 10: March 23 at 23:59**

Weighting: **50%**

This 2,000 word written submission will bring together the concepts and ideas that the unit analyses.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Evaluate and use 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

See iLearn.

Unit Schedule

See the university timetable.

Policies and Procedures

Macquarie University policies and procedures are accessible from [Policy Central \(https://policies.s.mq.edu.au\)](https://policies.s.mq.edu.au). 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](#)
- [Assessment Procedure](#)
- [Complaints Resolution Procedure for Students and Members of the Public](#)
- [Special Consideration Policy](#)

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

To find other policies relating to Teaching and Learning, visit [Policy Central \(https://policies.mq.edu.au\)](https://policies.mq.edu.au) and use the [search tool](#).

Student Code of Conduct

Macquarie University students have a responsibility to be familiar with the Student Code of Conduct: <https://students.mq.edu.au/admin/other-resources/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 connect.mq.edu.au or if you are a Global MBA student contact globalmba.support@mq.edu.au

Academic Integrity

At Macquarie, we believe [academic integrity](#) – honesty, respect, trust, responsibility, fairness and

courage – is at the core of learning, teaching and research. We recognise that meeting the expectations required to complete your assessments can be challenging. So, we offer you a range of resources and services to help you reach your potential, including free [online writing and maths support](#), [academic skills development](#) and [wellbeing consultations](#).

Student Support

Macquarie University provides a range of support services for students. For details, visit <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](#)
- [Access StudyWISE](#)
- [Upload an assignment to Studiosity](#)
- [Complete the 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

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 the [Service Connect Portal](#), 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/](#).

When using the University's IT, you must adhere to the [Acceptable Use of IT Resources Policy](#). The policy applies to all who connect to the MQ network including students.

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