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Learning Outcomes

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

- Understand the key economic concepts, models and theories of introductory microeconomics and macroeconomics
- Explain, compare, contrast and analyse these concepts, models and theories logically and coherently
- Apply, analyse, evaluate, and suggest solutions using these concepts, models and theories to real world economic problems or practical situations
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Assessment Tasks

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Online Quiz

Due: **Week 4**
Weighting: **10%**

The purpose of the online quiz is to examine your understanding of the concepts and models covered in the first 3 weeks. This task’s aim is to provide you with some early feedback about your progress in the course. The quiz will consist of a series of multiple choice style questions.

The online quiz will be completed online during week 4 and more details will be made available by the end of week 2. If you do not complete the quiz you will be awarded a mark of zero (0). The only exception to this is if you could not do the quiz because of documented illness or unavoidable disruption. In these circumstances you may wish to consult the University’s Disruption to Studies policy.

**http://www.mq.edu.au/policy/docs/disruption_studies/policy.html**

If a student satisfies the Disruption to Studies policy they will be required to complete a supplementary assessment task and this could take the form of an oral task.

Extension
N/A

Penalties
If you do not complete the quiz you will be awarded a mark of zero (0) unless you satisfy the University’s policy regarding disruption to studies - see above for the link.

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Assignment

Due: **Week 9**

Weighting: **30%**

The purpose of the assignment is to examine your ability to understand and apply (i) microeconomic concepts covered in the first seven weeks of the unit and (ii) macroeconomic concepts that will require you to do some independent reading. The assignment will consist of a number of calculation based problem solving questions. The assignment will be available to students in week 4 on the unit web page.

Submission

The assignment is due in week 9 of session, May 4 – 8 and must be handed in during your class. **You must hand in your assignment in the class in which you are enrolled.**

We will return your marked assignment with comments in Week 13.

Extension

No late assignments will be accepted.

Penalties

If an assignment is submitted late it will receive a mark of zero (0).

If you cannot submit your assignment on time because of documented illness or unavoidable disruption please consult the University’s Disruption to Studies policy.


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**Final exam**

Due: **University Examination Period**

**Weighting:** 60%

**Examination conditions**

A 2 hour final examination for this unit will be held during the Macquarie University final examination period.

All topics studied during the semester are examinable. The exam will consist of multiple choice questions and questions requiring written answers which may also involve making calculations - more detail about the structure will be provided towards the end of the session. The final exam will give you an opportunity to demonstrate the depth and breadth of your knowledge of basic economic concepts, the economic way of thinking and in using your knowledge to solve economic problems.

Failure to sit the final exam at the designated day and time will result in a mark of zero(0) being awarded. The only exception is if a student has experienced illness and/or unavoidable disruption. In such circumstances students should consult the University's Disruption to Studies policy using the following link:


In the event of meeting the criteria outlined in the policy students will be awarded a supplementary exam to undertake.
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Delivery and Resources

Classes

There is one 3 hour lecture per week that you must attend.

You are expected to attend the lecture group you are formally enrolled in.

Changes are not permitted. If you have any questions or issues regarding your timetable please see the staff at the Business and Economics Graduate Centre on Level 2, E4A for assistance.

The timetable for classes can be found on the University web site at:
http://www.timetables.mq.edu.au/

There will be three workshops held during the semester. These workshops are designed to review and reinforce the material covered in lectures and in the required reading.

These workshops will be held during normal lecture times during weeks 5, 7 and 13.

Details concerning the questions to be covered during the workshops can be downloaded from the unit web page.

https://unitguides.mq.edu.au/unit_offerings/46589/unit_guide/print
Required and Recommended Texts and/or Materials

The textbooks for this course are:


The textbooks can be purchased from the Co-op bookstore located on campus.

- The textbooks are available to borrow from the Macquarie University library.
- The publisher provides access to the online learning resource Aplia through the iLearn website for this course.

Technology Used and Required

Students will require a non-programmable calculator for completion of all assessment tasks. A calculator is non-programmable if it does not have any memory, or if it is capable of storing only numerical data within its memory.

Students will also require access to a computer to view the unit website, view the publisher’s website for the set text, and for email communication with staff. The University provides students access to computers on campus – for more information please enquire at Business and Economics Student Services centre (BESS) in E4B 106.

Unit Web Page

Course material is available on the learning management system (iLearn)

The web page for this unit can be found at:

https://ilearn.mq.edu.au/login/MQ/

Learning and Teaching Activities

This unit will be taught using a combination of both lectures and workshops.
It is expected that students will:
- Attend all lectures and workshops
- Read the set chapters from their textbooks and any supplementary readings – preferably in advance of lecture attendance
- Attempt practice questions in their textbooks for personal revision
- Prepare for workshops in advance

## Unit Schedule

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### Policies and Procedures

Macquarie University policies and procedures are accessible from [Policy Central](https://www.mq.edu.au/policy/docs). Students should be aware of the following policies in particular with regard to Learning and Teaching:

In addition, a number of other policies can be found in the Learning and Teaching Category of 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/support/student_conduct/

**Results**

Results shown in *iLearn*, 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.

**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 improve your marks and take control of your study.

- **Workshops**
- **StudyWise**
- **Academic Integrity Module for Students**
- **Ask a Learning Adviser**

**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

**IT Help**

For help with University computer systems and technology, visit http://informatics.mq.edu.au/help/.

When using the University's IT, you must adhere to the Acceptable Use Policy. The policy applies to all who connect to the MQ network including students.

**Graduate Capabilities**

**Discipline Specific Knowledge and Skills**

Our graduates will take with them the intellectual development, depth and breadth of knowledge,
scholarly understanding, and specific subject content in their chosen fields to make them competent and confident in their subject or profession. They will be able to demonstrate, where relevant, professional technical competence and meet professional standards. They will be able to articulate the structure of knowledge of their discipline, be able to adapt discipline-specific knowledge to novel situations, and be able to contribute from their discipline to inter-disciplinary solutions to problems.

This graduate capability is supported by:

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Critical, Analytical and Integrative Thinking

We want our graduates to be capable of reasoning, questioning and analysing, and to integrate and synthesise learning and knowledge from a range of sources and environments; to be able to critique constraints, assumptions and limitations; to be able to think independently and systemically in relation to scholarly activity, in the workplace, and in the world. We want them to have a level of scientific and information technology literacy.

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Problem Solving and Research Capability
Our graduates should be capable of researching; of analysing, and interpreting and assessing
data and information in various forms; of drawing connections across fields of knowledge; and
they should be able to relate their knowledge to complex situations at work or in the world, in
order to diagnose and solve problems. We want them to have the confidence to take the initiative
in doing so, within an awareness of their own limitations.

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Research and Practice
This unit uses research from external sources (references) to illustrate theories and concepts.

This unit gives you practice in applying theory to economic problems and questions encountered
in the real world in your assignments