

MICROECONOMICS – ERASMUS- 2015/2016

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Syllabus:

1. Preliminaries

- 1.1. The themes of Microeconomics
- 1.2. Definition of Market

2. The basics of supply and demand

- 2.1. Supply and Demand.
- 2.2. The Market Mechanism
- 2.3. Demand and supply elasticity
- 2.4. Effects of Government Intervention

3. Consumer Behavior

- 3.1. Consumer Preferences
- 3.2. Budget Constraints
- 3.3. Consumer choice
- 3.4. Marginal utility and Consumer Choice

4. Production

- 4.1 Firms and production decisions
- 4.2. Production with one variable input (short run production period)
- 4.3. Production with two variable inputs (long run production period)
- 4.4. Returns to Scale

5. The Costs of Production

- 5.1. Costs in the short run
- 5.2. Costs in the long run

6. Profit maximization and markets structure

- 6.1. Perfect competitive Markets
- 6.2. Oligopolistic competition and games theory (an introduction).

6.3. Optimal Decision in monopoly.

References:

Pindyck, Robert S. and Daniel L. Rubinfeld, (2013), Microeconomics, 8th edition, Pearson

Sloman, John and Dean Garratt, (2013) Essential of Economics, 6th edition, Pearson

Assessment:

The alternatives:

1. To realize a working paper (no more than 20 pages) where it will be discussed the concepts linked with two chapters of the syllabus (one chapter concerning Consumer behavior and the other concerning Production theory). The working paper can be done up to two students. Delivery deadline: 15 days before the end of the term with a final discussion at class.

2. Resolution of a set of problems with final discussion at class (deadlines identical to the option 1).

3. Two tests to be realized at class: the 1st encompassing issues 1,2 and 3; the 2nd including chapters 4, 5, 6.