

AMERICAN UNIVERSITY OF BEIRUT

Course Syllabus

Course Number: Economics 217

Course Title: Intermediate Price Theory

Catalog Description: The course introduces the students to the theory of allocation of resources; consumers' choice and classical demand theory, exchange and welfare, theory of production and cost, price and output determination under alternative market structures, game theory and applications to oligopoly.

Prerequisite: Knowledge of sophomore economics, Econ 211&212, and Calculus, Math 201&202

Resources Available to Students:

Primary Textbooks:

Hirshleifer, I. and Glazer, A., Price Theory and Applications, 6th ed., Prentice Hall, 1998.
Nicholson, W., Intermediate Microeconomics and its Application, 7th ed., Dryden Press, 1997.

Study Guides: for Hirshleifer and Nicholson texts.

Other Textbooks:

Nicholson, W., Microeconomic Theory Basic Principles and Extensions, 8th ed., South Western, 2002.

Binger, B.R., Hoffman, E., Microeconomics with Calculus, 2nd ed., Addison-Wesley, 1998.
Henderson and Quandt, Microeconomic Theory, A Mathematical Approach, 3rd ed., McGraw Hill, 1980.

Silberberg, The Structure of Economics, A Mathematical Analysis, 2nd ed., McGraw Hill, 1990.

Varian, H.R., Microeconomic Analysis, 3rd ed., W.W. Norton & Co., 1992.

Learning Objectives: The course aims at explaining microeconomic theory and demonstrating how macroeconomic analysis can help in solving economic problems and provide insight in coping with policy issues.

Mathematical techniques are utilized in solving maximization and minimization problems.

Throughout the course, class presentations will incorporate a variety of relevant examples in order to relate economic theory to real- world events.

Course Policy: students are expected to attend regularly lecture and discussion sessions. If a student frequently misses sessions, the student will be advised to drop the course.

Discipline Policy: Students are expected to be punctual in coming to class and to leave class on time. If a student misses an exam, the student should present a valid medical excuse before sitting for a makeup exam. Students are expected to solve the set of problems assigned given in class.

Grading Policy: Usually two midterms and a final exam are given in this course with 50% weight on the final exam.

Schedule:

Week Topic	Assignments
1 Nature Scope and Method of Economic Theory	Ch. 1&2
2 Nature Scope and Method of Economic Theory	Ch. 1&2
3 Demand & Supply	Ch. 2
4 Demand & Supply	Ch. 2
5 Theory of Demand	Ch. 2,3,4,5
6 Theory of Demand	Ch. 2,3,4,5
7 Theory of Production	Ch.5,6,7
8 Theory of Production	Ch. 5,6,7
9 Cost of Production	Ch.6,7
10 Cost of Production	Ch. 6,7
11 Market Structure and Behavior	Ch. 8
12 Market Structure and Behavior	Ch.8
13 Pricing and Output Under Various Market Methods	Ch. 8,9,10
14 Pricing and Output Under Various Market Methods	Ch. 8,9,10