

**San José State University  
Economics Department**

**Econ 2B Microeconomics Online Lab Fall 2020**

**Course and Contact Information**

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Classroom:	N/A (Online)

**Class Resources**

Course materials such as syllabus, handouts, notes, assignment instructions, etc. can be found on the Canvas Learning Management System course login website at <http://sjsu.instructure.com>.

**Course Description**

Self-paced online lab guiding students through graded problem sets on key microeconomics tools and concepts.

**Course Learning Outcomes (CLO)**

Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

1. Analyze the impact of market forces on price and quantity
2. Identify market types
3. Evaluate government regulations of markets

**Required Texts/Readings**

**Textbook (Optional)**

1. Mankiw, N. Gregory. *Principles of Microeconomics*, 8<sup>th</sup> ed. (Boston: Cengage Learning, 2018). ISBN-13: 978-1305971493. I will provide students with the lecture slides from the 7<sup>th</sup> edition of the book in the file section of the Canvas website. If you cannot find the answer in the slides or want a different explanation, you have two options—come to my office hours for help or purchase the textbook. If you decide to purchase the book, I highly recommend buying an older edition (6<sup>th</sup> or 7<sup>th</sup>) as the material has not changed much in recent editions, and the older editions sell at a significant discount to the current edition's price.

## Course Requirements and Assignments

SJSU classes are designed such that in order to be successful, it is expected that students will spend a minimum of forty-five hours for each unit of credit (normally three hours per unit per week), including preparing for class, participating in course activities, completing assignments, and so on. More details about student workload can be found in University Policy S12-3 at <http://www.sjsu.edu/senate/docs/S12-3.pdf>.

This is a pass/no pass course. You must achieve a cumulative score of 80% at the end of the semester. Your score is based solely on fourteen online assignments on the course's Canvas website. The assignments are due by 11:59 pm on the Sunday of the week assigned—students will also be able to see the due dates in Canvas. (For a complete list of due dates, please see the last two pages of the syllabus.) However, all of the assignments will be available at the beginning of the second week so students can complete them ahead of time. Late assignments will not be accepted. However, I will drop your two lowest assignment grades at the end of the semester.

The assignments will follow a similar pattern. Each assignment will consist of fifteen multiple-choice questions (chapter 9 with ten questions is the exception). Students will select their answers directly in Canvas. The quizzes are not timed, and open book open note.

## University Policies

Per University Policy S16-9, university-wide policy information relevant to all courses, such as academic integrity, accommodations, etc. will be available on Office of Graduate and Undergraduate Programs' [Syllabus Information web page](http://www.sjsu.edu/gup/syllabusinfo/) at <http://www.sjsu.edu/gup/syllabusinfo/>

## Dropping and Adding

Students are responsible for understanding the policies and procedures about add/drop, grade forgiveness, etc. Refer to the current semester's Catalog Policies section at <http://info.sjsu.edu/static/catalog/policies.html>. Add/drop deadlines can be found on the current academic calendar web page at [http://www.sjsu.edu/provost/Academic\\_Calendars/](http://www.sjsu.edu/provost/Academic_Calendars/). The Late Drop Policy is available at <http://www.sjsu.edu/aars/policies/latedrops/policy/>. Students should be aware of the current deadlines and penalties for dropping classes. Information about the latest changes and news is available at the Advising Hub at <http://www.sjsu.edu/advising/>.

## Consent for Recording of Class and Public Sharing of Instructor Material

University Policy S12-7, <http://www.sjsu.edu/senate/docs/S12-7.pdf>, requires students to obtain instructor's permission to record the course. "Common courtesy and professional behavior dictate that you notify someone when you are recording him/her. You must obtain the instructor's permission to make audio or video recordings in this class. Such permission allows the recordings to be used for your private, study purposes only. The recordings are the intellectual property of the instructor; you have not been given any rights to reproduce or distribute the material." "Course material developed by the instructor is the intellectual property of the instructor and cannot be shared publicly without his/her approval. You may not publicly share or upload instructor generated material for this course such as exam questions, lecture notes, or homework solutions without instructor consent."

## Academic Integrity

Your commitment as a student to learning is evidenced by your enrollment at San Jose State University. The University's Academic Integrity policy, located at <http://www.sjsu.edu/senate/S07-2.htm>, requires you to be honest in all your academic course work. Faculty members are required to report all infractions to the office of

Student Conduct and Ethical Development. The Student Conduct and Ethical Development website is available at [http://www.sa.sjsu.edu/judicial\\_affairs/index.html](http://www.sa.sjsu.edu/judicial_affairs/index.html). Instances of academic dishonesty will not be tolerated. Cheating on exams or plagiarism (presenting the work of another as your own, or the use of another person's ideas without giving proper credit) will result in a failing grade and sanctions by the University. For this class, all assignments are to be completed by the individual student unless otherwise specified. If you would like to include your assignment or any material you have submitted, or plan to submit for another class, please note that SJSU's Academic Policy S07-2 requires approval of instructors.

### **Campus Policy in Compliance with the American Disabilities Act**

If you need course adaptations or accommodations because of a disability, or if you need to make special arrangements in case the building must be evacuated, please make an appointment with me as soon as possible, or see me during office hours. Presidential Directive 97-03 at [http://www.sjsu.edu/president/docs/directives/PD\\_1997-03.pdf](http://www.sjsu.edu/president/docs/directives/PD_1997-03.pdf) requires that students with disabilities requesting accommodations must register with the Accessible Education Center (AEC) at <http://www.sjsu.edu/aec> to establish a record of their disability

## **Microeconomics Online Lab, Econ 2B, Fall 2019 Course Schedule**

*The following schedule is subject to change. If changes are needed, I will make announcements in class and through Canvas.*

### **Course Schedule**

<b>Week</b>	<b>Due Date</b>	<b>Holidays, Assignments, and Exams</b>
2	8/30/20	Ch1: Ten Principles of Economics
3	9/6/20	Ch2: Thinking Like an Economist
4	9/13/20	Ch3: Interdependence and the Gains from Trade
5	9/20/20	Ch4: The Market Forces of Supply and Demand
6	9/27/20	Ch5: Elasticity and Its Application
7	10/4/20	Ch6: Supply, Demand, and Government Policies
8	10/11/20	Ch7: Consumers, Producers, and the Efficiency of Markets
9	10/18/20	Ch8: Application: The Costs of Taxation
10	10/25/20	Ch9: Application: International Trade
11	11/1/20	Ch10: Externalities
12	11/8/20	Ch11: Public Goods and Common Resources
13	11/15/20	Ch13: The Costs of Production
14	11/22/20	Ch14: Firms in Competitive Markets
15	11/29/20	Ch15: Monopoly