

MSC Microeconomics I
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Syllabus

Goals:

1. To build a solid foundation of microeconomics.
2. To understand where microeconomic analysis could be useful.

Structure:

- There will be three hours of lecture.
- Following this will be one hour of tutorial.

Rules and Expectations:

- Unless you are in reserve duty, you are expected to attend the lectures and tutorials. If these are by zoom, you are expected to do so with your cameras on. **Failure to do so will result in a lowering of your grade (via the homeworks).**
- You are expected to review your lecture notes at the end of each week.
- Unless you are in reserve duty, you are expected to turn in a homework assignment from each previous week
- Homework can be worked on together, but **must** be written up separately.
- Each one will be worth 2 points. The TA will take the 10 best (or adjust this for those that were on reserve duty).
- Unless you were on reserve duty during the semester, you will not be allowed to sit for the exam if you have not turned in at least 8 assignments **on time** scoring at least 1 point on each one. Late homework will be awarded at most 1 point.
- There will be a final exam worth the remaining 80% of the final mark.

Grade:

20% homework and 80% final exam.

Books:

The main text for the course is **Jehle and Reny**, Advanced Microeconomic Theory, Second Edition, Addison Wesley Longman (2001), known as JR. Also, I will be borrowing heavily from **Andreu Mas-Colell, Michael D. Whinston and Jerry R. Green**, Microeconomic Theory (Oxford University Press, 1995), also known as MWG. An alternative text that is worth looking at is **Hal Varian**, Microeconomic Analysis. For Game Theory, see Maschler, Solan, Zamir, Cambridge U. Press, 2013 or Open University (for Hebrew).

Topics:

Consumer Theory JR1, MWG1,2,3

Individual Decisions under Uncertainty; JR2.4, MWG6

Introduction to Game Theory: Noncooperative and Cooperative. JR7, MWG7,8

Auctions: JR9, MWG23

Webpage and Contact:

- I will put up materials on Moodle.
- I also have office hours on Sunday 4-5 pm. Please email me to let me know if you will be there or if you want to arrange a meeting by zoom.
- You can also email me questions: I'll try my best to answer most emails, but sometimes I may miss one. If I don't respond in a couple of days, try again.