

# **Brief Course Outline**

Course Title: PRINCIPLES OF MICROECONOMICS

Course Number and Section: ECONOMIC 1021B 550

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### **Course Description:**

This half-year course presents a survey of the principles of microeconomics. We focus primarily on the economic behavior of consumers and firms, and on various market structures including competitive markets, monopoly, monopolistic competition and oligopoly. We also examine selected topics in government regulation, factor markets and public policy.

## **Learning Outcomes:**

- Understand how to think like an economist using core economic principles.
- Apply economic thinking to inform decisions of consumers, business managers, and government policy makers.
- Use economic models as a tool for understanding big ideas in economics, where they come from, their limitations, and what insight they offer to real world problems.
- Gain a deeper understanding of current economic events and critically interpret research, opinion, and journalism on economic and business matters.
- Form a base of skills that allow us to confidently progress to studying advanced topics and specialized areas of economics.

#### **Textbooks and Course Materials:**

Parkin, Michael and Robin Bade, Microeconomics: Canada in the Global Environment, 12th edition, Pearson, 2021

#### **Methods Of Evaluation:**

| Assignment           | Due Date mm/dd/yy | Weight - % |
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| In-class Assignments |                   | 10         |
| Online Homework      |                   | 10         |
| Midterm Examination  |                   | 30         |

| Assignment        | Due Date mm/dd/yy | Weight - % |
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| Final Examination |                   | 50         |

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