



## Microeconomics 2013 – 14, 3<sup>rd</sup> Module Module Syllabus

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**Course Description – Goals:** The course examines the functioning of the market economy, the role of prices in determining the allocation of resources, the functioning of the firm in the economy and the forces governing the production and consumption of economic goods. The primary goal of the course is to make students proficient with microeconomic theory. By completing the course students will be able to understand basic real world microeconomic problems and to develop critical thinking about economic matters.

**Teaching:** There will be 2 lectures per week, 80 minutes each. Lectures will be held on Mondays and Tuesdays. The study office will post a schedule for the labs (classes).

**Textbook:** Pindyck & Rubinfeld, Microeconomics 6th edition. ISBN: 0–13–008461–1. The instructor may also provide supplementary readings and notes. Any version of the textbook will fit the course.

**Attendance:** Attendance record will be kept but it will not affect grades. According to previous experience, *absolutely all students in the 6 - 10 grade range had excellent attendance record*. This is because the course is lecture oriented and class notes will be essential to understanding the material. Students are encouraged to participate in the lecture. Questions and comments are welcome during the lecture.

**Homework:** There will be 4 – 8 homework assignments. Homework will be turned in to the TAs, who will be responsible to grade it and return it to the students.

**Grading:** The grade for module 3 will be weighted as: homework 30%, mid-module test 30%, end of module exam 40%. The final grade for the class will be the average over the 4 modules. All tests and exams will be cumulative and required. A makeup test may be offered only if a *serious* and *officially certified* excuse is presented to the instructor and to the study office.

**Office hours:** For short inquiries you may find me at my office (3432) during normal working hours. Please arrange an appointment with me through email. Prior attending the office hours please have prepared specific questions.

**Webpage:** The instructor will maintain a webpage dedicated to this course at [www.kmarinakis.org](http://www.kmarinakis.org) (under the tab: teaching). Announcements, homework assignments, handouts, the course calendar and other useful material for the course will be posted online. Students are responsible to check the webpage regularly. Be advised that the website will be the most accurate information source for the class and the schedule.

**Classroom manners – Professionalism:** It is a priority for the instructor to make the lecture pleasant for the attendants. Talking, making noise, eating, reading irrelevant material or studying for other classes during the lecture are considered disrespectful for the instructor and the rest of the class, and will not be tolerated. The use of cellphones and other electronic devices (including tablets and laptops) is strictly prohibited during the lecture. Impudence and rudeness are not characteristics of educated people and are not welcome in the academic community. All students are expected to exhibit a flawless professional behavior in the premises of HSE.

**Privacy policy:** It is my personal, non-negotiable policy to treat all student records as confidential. No information concerning student performance or other private matters will be released to third parties, unless a privacy waiver document is signed.

**Academic integrity:** Students are reminded of the existence of the university policy on academic integrity found in the Code of Student Conduct (available in the student handbook) and the utilization implications of the Honor Pledge. Cheating or plagiarism will be prosecuted to the fullest extent.

**Students with disabilities:** Reasonable accommodations will be made for students with verifiable disabilities. In order to take advantage of available accommodations, students must register with Disability Services of HSE.

**Course Structure – Material:** Please check the website for an extended and updateable class calendar – schedule.