

## Module Syllabus 2014

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<b>Course:</b>	Microeconomics, module III
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### Course description

The course examines the organization of industries and markets from a microeconomic perspective. Topics include: perfect competition, analysis of competitive efficiency, monopoly, pricing with market power, monopolistic competition, oligopoly and game theory.

### Goals

The primary goal of the course is to nurture the economic way of thinking by exploring the mechanics and the intuition of 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

The lecture and the resources for the module will be exclusively in English. There will be 2 lectures per week, 80 minutes each. Lectures will be held on Mondays and Wednesdays. The lecture starts and ends always in time. The study office will post a schedule for the labs (classes). I post and update regularly a class calendar on the website (which overrides the schedule announced by the study office, in case of discrepancy).

### Textbooks

- Pindyck & Rubinfeld, Microeconomics (any version).
- Varian, Intermediate Microeconomics (any version).

The instructor may also provide supplementary readings and notes. Lecture slides will be posted after the lecture.

### Lecture attendance

Attendance record will be kept in every class but it will not affect grades directly. Abusing the attendance records by signing in for someone else is considered dishonest behavior and will be prosecuted. According to previous experience, absolutely all students in the 6 - 10 grade range had excellent attendance record. The reason is that the course is lecture oriented and lecture notes will be the single irreplaceable reading. Students are encouraged to participate in the lecture and questions are welcome.

### Homework

There will be 4 – 6 homework assignments which must be submitted in the lecture on the due day. Submissions in any other way or time will be ignored with no exceptions. Assistants will grade the papers and return them in the labs.

## Grading

The grade for module III will be weighted as: homework average 20%, mid-module test 30%, end-module exam 50%. 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 study office and to the instructor as well.

## Office hours

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.

## Course Webpage

I will maintain a webpage dedicated to the course at [www.kmarinakis.org](http://www.kmarinakis.org) (under the tab: teaching). Everything you will need for the module will be on there: announcements, lab material, homework, handouts, the course calendar and more. Students are responsible to check the webpage regularly. Be advised that The class website will be the most accurate information source for the course and the schedule.

## Classroom manners – Professionalism

It is my priority to make the lecture pleasant for the attendants. The use of all electronic devices (including cellphones, tablets and laptops) during the lecture is only allowed silently and for reasons related to the course. Chatting, texting, reading irrelevant material or studying for other classes during the lecture are disrespectful and will not be tolerated. In the premises of HSE and especially during the lecture you are required to exhibit a flawless professional behavior.

## Privacy policy

It is my personal, non-negotiable policy to treat all student records as confidential as it is required by law in all academic institutions of developed countries. No information concerning student performance or other private matters will be released by the course staff to third parties, unless a waiver of privacy document is signed by the student.

## Academic integrity

I have a zero-tolerance policy against dishonest behavior. I commit (and I have honored this commitment already in three occasions so far) that cheating or plagiarism will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the Code of Student Conduct of HSE. The course utilizes the honor pledge which has ethical and legal implications. Failure to include or sign the honor pledge in any control work will automatically void it.

## Students with disabilities

Reasonable accommodations will be provided to students with verifiable disabilities registered at the HSE Study Office.

## Course Structure – Material

Please check the website for an extended and updateable class calendar – schedule.