

Boston College

Applications, 11<sup>th</sup> Edition.

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term exams (50% of grade, 25% each)

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1 cumulative final exam (30% of grade) – Dec – Sep 30<sup>th</sup> & Nov 4<sup>th</sup>

Attendance isn't mandatory, but questions will be asked during class using the Iclicker system. The class will then be given a chance to discuss the question and then be re-pollled. If over 60 percent of the class get the answer right ! of a point will be given as extra credit on the final.

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There are two lectures per week most weeks, save for holidays (See schedule below). While there is no attendance grade for the course, attendance is required to do well on exams. Complete lecture notes will be provided via e-mail for only two missed classes. I will post lecture outlines via Canvas.

The text reading for each lecture is provided in the schedule below. When the date for the reading changes, I will inform you accordingly. The text is a very useful tool that should be used frequently – although it is not required it is strongly recommended. Doing practice problems from the text (even if they are not assigned as a problem set) is always a good idea).

While working together on problem sets is encouraged, working together on exams is (obviously) forbidden. Please familiarize yourself with the “Academic Integrity” section of the Boston College Catalog, which is also available online.

I will be using Canvas

*Using the Model to Analyze Changes in Prices*

September 14 – Changing prices and income

Chapter 3.4

September 16 – Comparative statics

Chapter 4.1, 4.6

November 9 – Brush up on profit maximization Equilibrium in competitive markets	Chapter 9
November 11 – Applications of competitive market theory Analysis of Taxation	Chapter 10.1-10.3
<i>When Competition Breaks Down</i>	
November 16 – Monopoly theory	Chapter 11.1 – 11.2
November 18 – Applications of Monopoly theory	Chapter 11.3-11.6, 15.3
November 23 – Monopolistic competition Oligopoly and strategic behavior	Chapter 13.1-13.2
<i>Strategic Behavior</i>	
November 30 - Finish Oligopoly	13.1-13.2, 13.4
December 2 – Introduction to game theory	14.1-14.2
December 7 – Game theory	14.2-14.3
December 9 – Finish game theory Review for final	14.3

This schedule is an outline for the course and is subject to change as I feel necessary or because of inclement weather. Any changes will be noted by me during class.