

ECON 101: Introduction to Economics I  
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## Lectures

Each week, we have two 2-hour lectures and one 1-hour recitation. The lectures will be conducted in large groups (which contains all sections), but each section has its own recitation (approximately 20 students). **All the lectures and recitations will be conducted online, through Zoom.** Here is the address you can check regarding the logistics: <https://web4.bilkent.edu.tr/zoom/>.

Below we give the recitation hours and the rooms. Do not forget to regularly check the active schedule displayed on SRS for potential changes.

| Section | Lecture Hours and Room                          | Recitation Hours and Room    |
|---------|---|------------------------------|
| 1       | Wednesday 8:30-10:20, Friday 13:30-15:20 (V-02) | Tuesday 10:30-11:20 (B-103)  |
| 2       | Wednesday 8:30-10:20, Friday 13:30-15:20 (V-02) | Tuesday 10:30-11:20 (B-104)  |
| 3       | Wednesday 8:30-10:20, Friday 13:30-15:20 (V-02) | Tuesday 10:30-11:20 (B-109)  |
| 4       | Wednesday 8:30-10:20, Friday 13:30-15:20 (V-02) | Tuesday 10:30-11:20 (B-110)  |
| 5       | Wednesday 8:30-10:20, Friday 13:30-15:20 (V-02) | Tuesday 11:30-12:20 (B-110)  |
| 6       | Wednesday 8:30-10:20, Friday 13:30-15:20 (V-02) | Tuesday 11:30-12:20 (B-106)  |
| 7       | Wednesday 8:30-10:20, Friday 13:30-15:20 (V-02) | Tuesday 11:30-12:20 (MA-301) |

The lecture recordings will be uploaded to Moodle and will stay there for your convenience. Yet, active participation in the lecture is strongly encouraged.

You should attend the recitation section that you are registered to. If you attend a different section you will not receive any recitation participation grade. Thus, check your registration records (via SRS) and make sure that you attend the recitation of the correct section.

## Textbook

*“Economics”* by R. Glenn Hubbard and Anthony Patrick O’Brien, Sixth Edition.

We will regularly post lecture notes and supplementary readings to Moodle. The lecture notes are your main resource whenever possible: they cover some topics in greater detail than your textbook. You should treat this textbook as a reliable supplementary resource.

## Course Objectives

The goal of this course is to introduce you to the tools necessary for economic thinking and communication. Throughout this term we will study the decisions of individuals and firms, and analyze the outcomes due to the interaction of these decisions. More importantly, the course will allow you to develop the skills necessary to question and analyze the choices made by “economic agents”.

### Topics to be covered:

Please note that the order may change as we go along in the semester.

- Theory of the consumer (Chapter 10 and the appendix of Chapter 10).
- Theory of the firm (Chapter 11).
- Firms in a perfectly competitive market (Chapter 12).
- Demand, supply and the market (Chapter 3).
- Elasticity (Chapter 6).
- Economic efficiency and government policies (Chapter 5 and the appendix of Chapter 4).
- Externalities and government policies (Chapter 5).
- Public goods and common goods (Chapter 5).
- General equilibrium and welfare.
- Monopoly (Chapter 15).
- Monopolistic Competition (Chapter 14).
- Oligopoly (Chapter 14).
- The markets for labor and other factors of production (Chapter 17).

## Grading

**Exams:** You will have two midterm exams and a final exam. The exams will be conducted online. We plan to have the first midterm around the 6th week, and the second midterm around the 10th week.

**Homework assignments:** There will be a total of five or six homework assignments. For homework assignments, you will be working in groups of three/four people. The groups are going to be assigned by us, and only one member of the group will need to submit the homework assignment. **We expect you to actively participate in the group effort; learning how to collaborate with your peers is an important life skill.** Each group member will receive the same grade, except: If your name is not included in the submitted assignment, you will individually get a zero from the that assignment.) In the middle of the semester, we will reshuffle groups, so you will have different groups to work with.

**Participation:** You will also be graded on your participation to the recitations and your work during the recitation hours. To receive participation grade, you need to attend the recitation hour of your assigned section. Please note that this is a **participation** grade, not an attendance grade. If you only log in to Zoom and do not participate in the discussions, you will receive a very low participation grade.

Your overall grade will be determined by your grades from the midterms, homework assignments, participation grades from recitation hours, and the final exam. The weights of these in determining your overall grade is as follows:

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| Midterm 1:                | 20% |
| Midterm 2:                | 20% |
| Final Exam:               | 35% |
| Homework Assignments:     | 20% |
| Recitation Participation: | 5%  |

One of the lowest homework assignment grade and one of the lowest recitation hour grade will be dropped when calculating your total homework assignment grade and total participation grade.

Only those with documented and approved medical or other emergencies may take a make-up exam. Please see <http://w3.bilkent.edu.tr/bilkent/student-medical-report-guidelines/> for the Bilkent's guidelines regarding medical reports.

Regarding the FZ grade: In this course we will not give any FZ grades.

## Academic Integrity

There is zero tolerance for any kind of cheating. Needless to say, being punctual, respecting others' rights to listen to class during the lectures, turning off your cell phones during class, are among the list of "proper behavior" and we expect no less from each of you. Since the lectures will be delivered through Zoom, we expect your kind behavior to be carried over to online environments as well. Here is a short link on the "Zoom etiquette": <https://education.depaul.edu/covid-19-resources/Pages/zoom-etiquette-for-students.aspx>

Enjoy the semester!