Introduction
Welcome to ECON20002 Intermediate Microeconomics. This subject provides an overview of the core economic models used for the analysis of decisions made by consumers, firms, and governments. These economic models are widely used by professional economists and serve as a prerequisite for third year subjects in economics and econometrics. Topics include perfect competition, general equilibrium, market power, intertemporal decision making, decision making under uncertainty and imperfect information.

Prerequisites
There are two prerequisites for this subject:

1. *Introductory Microeconomics (ECON10004)*, the first-year microeconomics subject taught in the Faculty of Business and Economics

2. math prerequisite:

   a) if you are a Bachelor of Commerce student, then you automatically satisfy the math prerequisite

   b) if you are not a Bachelor of Commerce student, then you should have achieved a study score of at least 25 in Mathematical Methods Units 3 & 4 in high school or you should have completed *MAST10012 Introduction to Mathematics*.

   In some circumstances you might be allowed to enroll without satisfying these two prerequisites (for example, you have completed similar subjects elsewhere) - please contact Svetlana for permission.

Textbook

The required textbook for this course is:


We will be using this text throughout the subject and some of the pre-tutorial questions will come directly from the textbook. Several copies of the textbook will be available on reserve at the Baillieu Library.

There are many textbooks on intermediate microeconomics in the library. If you’d like an alternative take on the course material, you might want to consult either of the following:
There are also several textbooks of a higher level than we need, which you might find useful, if you are planning to take 3rd year Microeconomics and do Honours afterwards:

- Jeffrey M. Perloff, Microeconomics with calculus, Second or Third Edition, Pearson.

**Learning Objectives**

On successful completion of this subject, students should be able to:

- Explain the core microeconomic theories of the consumer and the firm;
- Identify the usefulness and limitations of these theories;
- Apply microeconomic theories to economic problems faced by business, government and other decision makers under different assumptions about market structure and under different assumptions about available information;
- Critically evaluate the role of markets and governments in solving the economic problems facing societies;
- Apply economic tools to the analysis and solution of selected decision problems facing businesses; and
- Synthesise theory and practice in the context of selected public policy issues.

In addition, in this subject students will have the opportunity to develop the following generic skills through the lectures, participation in tutorials, and independent study:

- Evaluation and synthesis of ideas, views and evidence;
- Critical thinking;
- Application of theory to economic policy and business decision making;
- Problem solving skills;
- Collaborative learning and team work; and
- Written and oral communication.

**Contact Details**

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**Email Policy**

While academic staff endeavour to address queries received via email, it is more appropriate to resolve substantive questions face-to-face during normal consultation hours. With this in
mind, I encourage all students to familiarise themselves with the consultation hours offered by myself and the tutors in this subject - **please see LMS for more information.**

Please note that we are only able to respond to student emails coming from a University email address. Please do not use personal email addresses such as Yahoo, Gmail, Hotmail or even business email addresses. Emails from non-University email addresses may be filtered by the University’s spam filter, which means that we may not receive your email. All correspondence relating to this subject will only be sent to your University email address. Note that you must first activate your University email address before you can send or receive emails at that address. You can activate your email account at this link: 
[http://accounts.unimelb.edu.au](http://accounts.unimelb.edu.au)

**Lectures**

**Lecture Times**

There are TWO two-hour lectures each week.

**Lecture 1:**

Tuesday (all 6 weeks) 10am - 12pm, Law-GM15 (The David P. Derham Lecture Theatre)  
Note that lectures start at 10:05am and finish at 12:00pm

**Lecture 2:**

Thursday (weeks 1-5) 10am - 12pm, FBE-G06 (Prest Theatre) Note that lectures start at 10:05am and finish at 12:00pm

**Wednesday (week 6 only, 11 February) 10am - 12pm, Medical-C216 (Sunderland Theatre)**

**Lecture Slides**

The lecture slides will be available for download prior to each lecture. The lecture slides and other subject material may be accessed from the Intermediate Microeconomics web pages on the University’s Learning Management System (LMS): [www.lms.unimelb.edu.au](http://www.lms.unimelb.edu.au)

**Audio Recording of Lectures**

The lectures will be recorded and available for download and review in the days following each lecture. The audio recordings of lectures allow you to revise lectures during the semester and to review lectures in preparation for the end-of-semester exam. You can access recorded lectures by clicking on the Lecture Recordings menu item in the LMS page for this subject. To listen to recordings, you must install QuickTime 7 (or a later version) on your computer. Many students who use the lecture recordings find it helpful to be looking at the lecture slides as they listen.
Please note that audio recordings are not a substitute for attendance. Instead they’re designed for revision. On rare occasions the system might fail to record the lecture due to technical reasons. In such cases, the lecture recording will not be made available.

**Tutorials**

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Tutorials are an integral part of the subject. They will be used to supplement the lectures and the reading material. They will also be used as a means of improving your understanding of the subject material through an exploration of the critical concepts and the application of these concepts through problem solving.

**Enrolling in Tutorials**

You must enrol in a tutorial using the ISIS Student Timetable. Late enrolment in tutorials is handled by the Commerce Student Centre: [http://fbe.unimelb.edu.au/csc](http://fbe.unimelb.edu.au/csc)

Once you have been allocated to a specific tutorial, that is the only tutorial you should attend. ‘Shopping around’ is not allowed because of the constraints on numbers of tutorials and numbers of students allowed per tutorial. Marks allocated to you for tutorial participation will be for the tutorial as recorded in the ISIS system. If you are not in the correct tutorial you will not receive any marks.

**Assessment**

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- A 2-hour end-of-semester examination (60%);
- Two assignments due weeks 4 and 6 (20%)
- One multiple-choice test in week 3 (10%)
- Weekly tutorial participation (10%)

**Due dates**

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**Tutorial Marks**

Tutorial marks will be allocated according to:

- 5% for participation based on preparation, actively participating in tutorial work, relevance and logic in discussion, and appreciative listening to other students’ contributions and;
- 5% for attendance, with full marks if you miss no more than one tutorial and you lose a half mark per extra tutorial missed.

See LMS for more details.

**Plagiarism and Collusion**

Presenting material from other sources without full acknowledgement (referred to as plagiarism) is heavily penalised. Penalties for plagiarism can include a mark of zero for the piece of assessment or a fail grade for the subject. Plagiarism is the presentation by a student of an assignment identified as his or her own work even though it has been copied in whole or in part from another students work, or from any other source (e.g. published books, web-based materials or periodicals), without due acknowledgement in the text.

Collusion is the presentation by a student of an assignment as his or her own work when it is, in fact, the result (in whole or in part) of unauthorised collaboration with another person or persons. Both the student presenting the assignment and the student(s) will- ingly supplying unauthorised material are considered participants in the act of academic misconduct. For more information, see: [http://academichonesty.unimelb.edu.au/plagiarism.html](http://academichonesty.unimelb.edu.au/plagiarism.html)

**Special Consideration**

Students who have been significantly affected by illness or other serious circumstances during the semester may be eligible to apply for Special Consideration. The following website contains detailed information relating to who can apply for Special Consideration and the process for making an application: [http://fbe.unimelb.edu.au/csc/assistance/special_consideration](http://fbe.unimelb.edu.au/csc/assistance/special_consideration)

Students who wish to apply for Special Consideration in relation to any component of assessment in this subject should lodge an application at the Faculty Office. Forms for this purpose are available at that office. Such applications will be taken into account by the Board of Examiners in the subject. If your application involves illness or a medical condition then generally some type of supporting evidence such as a medical certificate will be required. Note that tutors will not accept medical certificates from students. Students should attach such certificates to their application for Special Consideration when they lodge the application at the Faculty Office. Application for Special Consideration in relation to a component of assessment must be lodged within 3 working days of the date that component of assessment was due to be submitted/ performed. Note that Special Consideration applications for any assessment are only considered in determining the final grade for the subject.
Group Work

Working in groups can sometimes be more difficult than working individually. However, team-work and organisational skills associated with group work are highly valued by employers. With careful management and ongoing communication, you can have a successful and rewarding experience working in a team.

You should exchange names, phone numbers, and email addresses with your group members straight away. If you have difficulty with a member of your group, you should contact your lecturer as soon as possible. Do not leave issues unresolved until just before or after your group assignment is due. All students within your group will be given the same mark.