



Course Outline

EE211 Principles of Microeconomics (Section 046402)

Semester 2/2025 (January 5th – May 8th , 2026)

Lecture Time: **Section 046402:** Thursday, 09:00 – 12.00 hours

Lecture Venue: **Section 046402:** Faculty of Economics, **Room 302**

Teaching Materials Platform: Google classroom code: **iipllmpz**

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Number of Credit: 3 Credits (3-0-6)

Prerequisite: -

Course Description:

Principles of microeconomics such as value, price, resource allocation, introduction to theories of consumption and production with an emphasis on factors determining supply and demand of goods and services, determination of price and efficiency of resource allocation in perfect and monopoly markets; competitive factor market and introductory concepts of market failures.

Course Objectives:

After completing this course, students should have developed a range of skills enabling them to understand economic concepts and use those concepts to analyze specific questions.

By the end of this course, students should be able to:




- Understand the concept of opportunity cost
- Understand market forces of supply and demand
- Understand the concept of elasticities
- Understand the concept of consumer and producer surpluses
- Understand consumer behavior.
- Understand firm behavior in perfectly competitive and in monopoly structure.
- Analyze different types of market structures (a competitive market Vs. Monopoly).
- Understand how to apply economic principles to a range of policy questions.

Students should also have the skills needed to:

- Use supply and demand diagrams to analyze the impact of overall changes in supply and demand on price and quantity.
- Calculate producer and consumer surplus.
- Solve a consumer's utility maximization problem mathematically and graphically; analyze the impact of changes in price and income on a consumer's decision via shifting income and substitution effects.
- Solve a firm's cost minimization problem mathematically and graphically.
- Analyze the behavior of firms in a perfectly competitive market in the short-run and the long-run.
- Analyze the behavior of firm in a monopoly and calculate the resulting changes in producer or consumer surplus.
- Use economic tools to analyze economic policies.





Expected Learning Outcomes:

1. Morality and Ethics EE211




Applicability	Expected Learning Outcomes	Evaluation Method
	1. Students demonstrate integrity.	Class attendance and class discussion
	2. Students prioritize social and public benefits over personal ones.	Class discussion
	3. Students are punctual and comply with the code of conduct of the institution and society at large.	Class attendance and class discussion

Applicability	Expected Learning Outcomes	Evaluation Method
□	4. Students are responsible and accountable to society, the nation, and the subject of economics.	Class attendance and class discussion
□	5. Students realize the cultural and environmental value of the sustainable society.	Class attendance and class discussion






2. Knowledge

Applicability	Expected Learning Outcomes	Evaluation Method
	1. Students know and understand modern economics principles and theories, and are up to date with new developments.	Homework and reading assignments Class discussion
	2. Students know and understand Thai and global economic structure, and the importance of major international economic events.	Homework and reading assignments Class discussion
	3. Students know and understand instruments of economic analysis.	Homework and reading assignments Class discussion
	4. Students know and understand applied fields in economics, including monetary, public, international, business, natural resource and environmental, industrial, agricultural, cooperative, political, developmental, and entrepreneurial economics as well as agribusiness.	Homework and reading assignments Class discussion
□	5. Students are informed about related fields including sociology, business administration, education, law policy, and science.	Homework and reading assignments Class discussion

3. Intellectual Development

Applicability	Expected Learning Outcomes	Evaluation Method
	1. Students have developed individual critical thinking.	Quizzes activities, Homework assignments, and Case studies
	2. Students are sufficiently trained in research skills.	Quizzes activities, Homework assignments, and Case studies
	3. Students demonstrate an ability to analyze and synthesize data, as well as appropriately integrate economics concepts to understand causes of current economic problems in Thailand. Based on analysis and synthesis, students demonstrate an ability to propose policy guidelines to resolve problems.	Quizzes activities, Homework assignments, and Case studies

4. Interpersonal Skills and Responsibilities

Applicability	Expected Learning Outcomes	Evaluation Method
	1. Students are responsible for assigned tasks and work in groups effectively.	Quizzes activities and Case studies
	2. Students have problem-solving skills.	Quizzes activities and Case studies
	3. Students show leadership skills and team spirit.	Case studies
	4. Students are always improving themselves.	Quizzes activities, Homework assignments, and Case studies
	5. Students have good interpersonal skills, adapting and working under different conditions.	

5. Quantitative Analysis, communication and information technology

Applicability	Expected Learning Outcomes	Evaluation Method
☐	1. Students select and apply appropriate statistical and mathematical methods for data processing, interpretation, conclusions, and recommendations to resolve problems.	Homework assignments
☐	2. Students communicate effectively and select appropriate presentation methods.	Case study
☐	3. Students use information and communication technologies appropriately to gather data as well as process, interpret, and present results.	Case study

Remark: ✎ Primary expected outcome ☐ Secondary expected outcome

EE211 Course Learning Outcomes: CLOs

Course Title	Knowledge (K)				Skills (S)			Ethics (E)				Character (C)				
	K1	K2	K3	K4	S1	S2	S3	E1	E2	E3	E4	C1	C2	C3	C4	C5
EE211	✎	✎		✎	✎	✎		✎		✎		✎			✎	

Learning Management and Evaluation

CLO	Learning Management	Evaluation
CLO1.1: K1, K2, K4, S1, S2 Apply economic theories, fundamental economic tools, and theory development to analyze and interpret relevant economic issues in various contexts.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Lecture on theoretical knowledge Problem-based learning by emphasizing problem analysis/problem-solving Demonstrating knowledge integration in related study fields Brainstorming to encourage active 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Quizzes, Homework assignments and examinations Observation of participation in analytical thinking Class participation and discussion

CLO	Learning Management	Evaluation
	learning and applied knowledge	
<p>CLO1.2: K1, K2, K4, C1, C4 Analyze strategic interactions in economic, social, or organizational settings and demonstrate appropriate decision-making aligned with professional standards.</p> <p>Show active learning characteristics and aspire to personal development</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individual assignments • Lecture/ class discussion/knowledge sharing • Encourage asking questions in class to promote student engagement • Activities to encourage problem-based learning by emphasizing analysis of problem /problem-solving sources 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quizzes, Homework assignments and examinations • From teamwork skills and problem/case study analysis • Examine thought processes, connected thinking, and reasoning
<p>CLO1.3 : E1, E3 Demonstrate adherence to ethical principles in academic work and economic decision-making.</p> <p>Respect rights, opinions, values, and dignity of others. Obey organizational and societal rules and regulations</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lecture/ class discussion/knowledge sharing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From punctuality, class participation, and meeting deadlines • Peer- and self-reflections

Learning Assessment Plan

CLO	Methods of Learning Assessment	Assessment Week	Proportion of Assessment
CLO 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Homework Assignments and Class Attendances • Midterm exam • Final exam 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weeks 1-15 • Weeks 8 • Week 15 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20% • 35% • 45%

CLO	Methods of Learning Assessment	Assessment Week	Proportion of Assessment
CLO 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Homework Assignments and Class Attendances • Midterm exam • Final exam 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weeks 1–15 • Weeks 8 • Week 15 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20% • 35% • 45%
CLO 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Homework Assignments and Class Attendances 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weeks 1-15 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20%

Main Text:

Mankiw, N.G., (2023) **Principles of Microeconomics**, 10th ed., Cengage, (ISBN-13: 978-981-5119-30-5)

Recommended Texts & Materials

Krugman, P. and Robin Wells, (2018) **Microeconomics**. 3rd ed. Macmillan Education, (Hereafter, KW)—Earlier editions are applicable.

Pindyck, R. S., & Rubinfeld, D. L. (2018). **Microeconomics**. Upper Saddle River, N.J: Pearson/Prentice Hall.

Grading Criteria*:

Homework Assignments, Quizzes and Class Attendances	20 points
Midterm Exam	35 points
Final Exam	45 points
Total	100 points

*Note: A (85-100) ; D-B+ (40-84) ; F (0-39)

Remarks:

- **Mid-Term Examination: Tuesday, February 24, 2026 (12:00-14:00 hrs.)**
- **Final Examination: Thursday, May 7, 2026 (13:30-16:30 hrs.)**

Tentative Class Schedule:

The class schedule shown below may be adjusted during the semester as needed.

Sessions	Lectures	Topics	Activities/Text & Materials/ Media
#1: Economics: The Study of Choice	1 lecture (8 Jan 2026)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ What is Economics all about? ○ The Basic Economic Problems ○ Circular Flow ○ Microeconomics Vs. Macroeconomics ○ Confronting Scarcity: Production Possibilities Curve (PPC) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Assumptions ▪ An Illustration of Scarcity, Choice and Opportunity Costs Using the PPC ▪ Economic Growth and Changes in the PPC ○ Economists' Tool Kit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Equilibrium Analysis ▪ Comparative Static Analysis ▪ Constrained Optimization 	Read: Mankiw, chs.1-3; KW, chs.1-2
#2-#3: Demand, Supply, and Equilibrium	2 lectures (15 and 22 Jan 2026)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Market: Meaning and Components ○ Demand: Buyers' Behavior <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Meaning ● Law of Demand ● Individual and Market Demands ● The Determinants of Demand (or Demand Shifters) ● The Distinction of "Change in Quantity Demanded" and "Change in Demand" ○ Supply: Sellers' Behavior <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Meaning ● Law of Supply ● Firm and Market Supplies 	Read: Mankiw, ch.4; KW, ch.3

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Determinants of Supply (or Supply Shifters) ● The Distinction of “Change in Quantity Supplied” and “Change in Supply” ○ Market Equilibrium: When Demand and Supply Meet <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Meaning and How to Determine the Equilibrium ● What Will Happen if Market is Not Yet in an Equilibrium? (Adam Smith’s Invisible Hand or Market Clearing Process) ○ Shocking an Equilibrium <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● When demand curve shifts ● When supply curve shifts ● When both demand and supply curve simultaneously shift 	
<p>#4: Elasticity: A Measure of Response</p>	<p>1 lecture (29 Jan 2026)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Elasticity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Meaning ▪ Measurement ▪ Why Elasticity? : Absolute Change, Relative Change, and Percentage Change ○ Price Elasticity of Demand: Defined <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Computing Price Elasticity of Demand ● Point-Price Elasticity of Demand ● Arc-Price Elasticity of Demand ● Determinants of Price Elasticity of Demand ● Total Revenue and Price Elasticity of Demand ○ Other Demand Elasticities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Income Elasticity of Demand 	<p>Read: Mankiw, ch.5; KW, ch.6</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cross Price Elasticity of Demand ○ Elasticity of Supply: Meaning, Measurement and Determinants 	
#5: Consumers, Producers, and the Efficiency of Markets	0.5 lecture (5 Feb 2026))	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Consumer Surplus <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Willingness to Pay (WTP) ▪ Using the Demand Curve to Measure Consumer Surplus ▪ Effect of a Price Change on Consumer Surplus ▪ What Does Consumer Surplus Measure? ○ Producer Surplus <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Cost and the Willingness to Sell ▪ Using the Supply Curve to Measure Producer Surplus ▪ Effect of a Price Change on Producer Surplus ▪ What Does Producer Surplus Measure? ○ Market Efficiency 	Read: Mankiw, ch.7-8; KW, ch.4
#6 Applications on Demand, Supply, and Government Policies	0.5 lecture (5 Feb 2026)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Government Intervention in Market Prices <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Price Ceilings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Its effect on price and quantity ▪ Its inefficiency in resource allocation ▪ Welfare Analysis of Price Ceilings (Who gain and lose from the policy?) ▪ Price Floors <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Its effect on price and quantity (Case study: Agricultural commodities) ▪ Its inefficiency in resource allocation ▪ Welfare Analysis of Price Ceilings (Who 	Read: Mankiw, ch. 6-8; KW, chs.5 and 7

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		<p>gain and lose from the policy?)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Effects of Taxes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Unit Tax Vs. Ad Valorem Tax • Meaning and Effect of a Unit Tax on Supply and Demand Curves • A Unit Tax Imposed on Producers Vs. A Unit Tax Imposed on Consumers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Its effect on price consumers paid, price producers received, consumes' tax burden, producers' tax burden, government tax revenue, consumer and producer surplus, and total surplus • Demand and Supply Elasticities: Implications on tax burdens incurred by consumers and producers • The differences between Unit Tax imposed on producers and on consumers ▪ Effects of Subsidy Given to Producers 	
#7-#9: The Theory of Consumer Choice	2 lectures (12 Feb 2026) (19 Feb 2026)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Utility Theory (or Cardinal Approach) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Meaning of Utility 	Read: Mankiw, ch.22; KW, chs.10-11; Frank, chs.3-4,;

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Relationship between Total Utility and Marginal Utility ● Law of Diminishing Marginal Utility ● Consumers' Equilibrium (or Rational Spending Rule) and Change in Equilibrium ○ Indifference Curves Theory (or Ordinal Approach) ○ What a Consumer Wants <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Meaning of Indifference Curve ● Properties of Indifference Curve ● Slope of Indifference Curve and Marginal Rate of Substitution (MRS) ○ What the Consumer Can Afford <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Budget Line: Meaning, Slope, and Change in Budget Line ○ How the Consumer Optimally Chooses ○ Consumer Equilibrium and Change in Equilibrium ○ Derivation of an Individual Demand Curve Using Indifference Curves and Budget Lines ○ How a Consumer Responds to Change in Price: Substitution and Income Effects (Hicksian Approach) 	Lipsey, ch. 6 (& appendix);
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#10-#12: Production and Cost in the Short-Run and in the Long-Run	3.5 lectures (5 March 2026) (12 March 2026) (19 March 2026) (26 March 2026)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Firm and the Objectives of Production ○ Production Functions ○ The Meaning of Cost <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Economic and accounting costs ▪ Sunk costs ▪ Private cost and social cost 	Production in the Short-Run Read: Mankiw, ch.14; KW, ch.12; Frank, chs.9-10; Supplement Note provided in our class,

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Distinction between Short-run and Long-run ○ Production and Costs in the Short-run <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Total Product (TP), Average Product (AP), Marginal Product (MP) ▪ Relationship of TP, AP, and MP ▪ Law of Diminishing Returns ▪ Stage of Production ○ Relationship between Costs and Production ○ Short-run Costs of Production: TFC, TVC, TC, AFC, AVC, ATC, MC ○ Production and Costs in the Long-run ○ Isoquant <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Isocost ○ Least Cost Combination ○ Expansion Path ○ The Meaning of Returns to Scale ○ Long-run Costs of Production: LTC, LAC, LMC ○ Relationship between Expansion Path and LTC ○ Relationship between Long-run and Short-run Costs ○ Economies and Diseconomies of Scale 	<p>Production in the Long-Run Read: Supplement Note provided in our class; Frank, chs. 9-10; KW, ch. 12</p>
#11-#13: Market Structure	3 lectures (26 March 2026) (2 April 2026) (9 April 2026)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Meaning ○ Structure of Perfect and Imperfect Markets ○ Producer's Objectives ○ The Meanings of Profits and Loss ○ Profit Maximization <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ TR-TC Approach ▪ MR-MC Approach 	Read: Mankiw, chs.15-16; KW, chs. 13-14

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Perfectly Competitive Market <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Nature of Demand, TR, MR, AR and Their Relationships ▪ Short-run Equilibrium ▪ Derivation of Firm's and Market's Short-run Supply Curves ▪ Long-run Equilibrium ○ Monopoly <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Causes of Monopoly ▪ The Nature of Demand, TR, MR, AR and Their Relationships ▪ Short-run Equilibrium ▪ Economic Effects of Monopoly ○ Comparison between Perfect Competition and Monopoly 	
#14: Factor Markets	1 lecture (23 April 2026)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Demand for factor as a derived demand ○ The firm's demand for a factor ○ The supply of a factor ○ Determination of factor prices <p>Under the two scenarios:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Both factor market and output market are perfectly competitive. 2) Factor market is perfectly competitive, but output market is under monopoly 	<p>Read: Mankiw, ch.19; KW, ch. 20; Perloff, ch. 15.1-15.3</p>
#15: Market Failure	0.5 lecture (30 April 2026)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Meaning and Characteristics ○ Origins of Market Failure <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Monopoly Power ▪ Public Goods ▪ Externalities ▪ Asymmetric Information ○ Consequences of Market Failure 	<p>Read: Mankiw, chs.10-11, 16 and 23; KW, chs. 17-18</p> <p>Watch: "Erin Brockovich", "Day After Tomorrow".</p>

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		○ Correction of Failure and Imperfections: Government or Private sector	
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