This course is designed for students with a basic understanding of principles of economics and calculus. By the end of course, students are expected to learn the microeconomic theories that explain the economic behaviors of consumers and firms, and understand how to apply these theories to real-world problems. The key point is to learn how to think like an economist: identify the problems, make assumptions to simply the problems, model the problems, and solve the problems. We will focus on the intuitions behind every theory, but necessary mathematical tools will also be stressed.

Office Hour

Monday and Wednesday 13:00-14:00 at Room 524, College of Management. You can also find me via `ecdmct@ccu.edu.tw`. Regularly check the ecourse website will also be helpful, `http://ecourse2.ccu.edu.tw/`.

Teaching Assistant

The TA of this course is Tseng, Yu-Hsiang. He will teach the recitation class every Monday from 15-16. He will also be responsible for your homework due every Monday, including problem sets and grading. During the midterms/final weeks, he will review questions from the past exams. You can find Yu-Hsiang in the office hour or make appointments via email, `winnie77569@alum.ccu.edu.tw`.

Textbooks

1. (Main) Varian, Hal R., *Intermediate Microeconomics*, 9th edition, W. W. Norton & Company, 2014.

2. (Math) Snyder, Christopher and Walter, Nicholson, *Microeconomic theory: basic principles and extensions*, South-Western, 2012.

3. (Graphs) Frank, Robert H. *Microeconomics and Behavior*, 9th edition McGraw-Hill Education, 2015.

4. (More materials) Pindyck, Robert S. and Rubinfeld, Daniel L., *Microeconomics*, 8th edition, Pearson Education, 2013.

5. (Different Structure) Bernheim, B. Douglas and Michael D. Whinston, *Microeconomics*, McGraw-Hill Education, 2013.

We will use Varian's textbook as the main reference of this course. Stories, examples, and mathematics from the other books will be discussed when appropriate. You are required fo find books that best suited your learning style, which can be outside the above list.

<u>Grades</u>

Your course grade will be determined by the scores of your homework, midterms and final. Exams are held every six weeks. Class participation will be helpful if your final score is on the margin. The dates and weights to each assignment are set as shown in the table below. Mark the dates and make sure of your availability, because no makeups will be provided whatsoever.

Requirement (points)	Review	Date	Semester Week
Coursework (20)	Every Monday	Due every Monday	
Midterm I (26)	March 24 (Wednesday)	March 29 (Monday)	Week 6
Midterm II (27)	May 5(Wednesday)	May 10 (Monday)	Week 12
Final (27)	June 16(Wednesday)	June 21 (Monday)	Week 18