



**University of Manitoba**  
**Faculty of Arts**  
**Department of Economics**

## **Course Details**

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<b>Course Title &amp; Number:</b>	ECON7722
<b>Number of Credit Hours:</b>	3.0
<b>Class Times &amp; Days of Week:</b>	TR 10:00 – 11:15
<b>Location:</b>	TIER 505
<b>Prerequisites:</b>	ECON6040 or equivalent
<b>Voluntary Withdrawal Deadline:</b>	November 19, 2018

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## **Instructor Contact Information**

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<b>Instructor:</b>	Julia Witt
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<b>Office Hours:</b>	R 11:30 – 1:00
<b>Office Phone No.</b>	474-9764
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<b>Contact:</b>	During office hours; appointments outside office hours can be arranged via email

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## **General Course Information**

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This course will cover topics in theories of consumer demand, production and cost, distribution, market equilibrium, market organization, general equilibrium and welfare. The course will provide students with a comprehensive understanding of individual behaviour, market formation and the relationship between these.

## Course Goals

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The goal of this course is to provide students with the foundations of microeconomic theory, in preparation for further graduate level microeconomics courses and/or research.

## Using Copyrighted Material

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Please respect copyright. We will use copyrighted content in this course. I have ensured that the content I use is appropriately acknowledged and is copied in accordance with copyright laws and University guidelines. Copyrighted works, including those created by me, are made available for private study and research and must not be distributed in any format without permission. Do not upload copyrighted works to a learning management system (such as UM Learn), or any website, unless an exception to the *Copyright Act* applies or written permission has been confirmed. For more information, see the University's Copyright Office website at <http://umanitoba.ca/copyright/> or contact [um\\_copyright@umanitoba.ca](mailto:um_copyright@umanitoba.ca).

## Recording Class Lectures

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I and the University of Manitoba hold copyright over the course materials, presentations and lectures which form part of this course. No audio or video recording of lectures or presentations is allowed in any format, openly or surreptitiously, in whole or in part without my permission. Course materials (both paper and digital) are for the participant's private study and research.

## Textbook, Readings, Materials

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### Required textbook:

Varian H. (1992). Microeconomic Analysis, 3<sup>rd</sup> Ed., W.W. Norton & Company

### Recommended:

Any 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> year Microeconomic theory textbook

## Course Technology/Communication

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I will be using UMLearn (<https://universityofmanitoba.desire2learn.com/d2l/login>) to post midterm solutions, practice sets and solutions and other learning material. Please check frequently to ensure you have all the material. See the Centre for the Advancement of Teaching & Learning ([http://intranet.umanitoba.ca/academic\\_support/catl/resources/umlearn.html](http://intranet.umanitoba.ca/academic_support/catl/resources/umlearn.html)) for details on online resources.

The University requires all students to activate an official University email account. For full details of the Electronic Communication with Students please visit: [http://umanitoba.ca/admin/governance/media/Electronic Communication with Students Policy - 2014 06 05.pdf](http://umanitoba.ca/admin/governance/media/Electronic_Communication_with_Students_Policy_-_2014_06_05.pdf)

Please note that all communication between myself and you as a student must comply with the electronic communication with student policy

([http://umanitoba.ca/admin/governance/governing\\_documents/community/electronic\\_communication\\_with\\_students\\_policy.html](http://umanitoba.ca/admin/governance/governing_documents/community/electronic_communication_with_students_policy.html)). You are required to obtain and use your U of M email account for all communication between yourself and the university.

## **Academic Integrity**

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University policy on academic integrity will be enforced. A full description of academic integrity matters, including plagiarism and cheating, can be found in Section 8 of the General Academic Regulations and Requirements of the University of Manitoba. Ignorance of the regulations and policies regarding academic integrity is not a valid excuse for violating them.

### **Penalties for Academic Dishonesty**

The minimum penalty for plagiarism on a written assignment is F on the paper and may result in a grade of F-DISC (discipline) for the course. This notation appears on the student's transcript. For the most serious acts of plagiarism, such as the purchase of an essay and repeat violations, this penalty can also include suspension from the Faculty of Arts for a period of up to one year. The Faculty also reserves the right to submit student work that is suspected of being plagiarized to Internet sites designed to detect plagiarism.

The minimum penalty in Arts for academic dishonesty on a test or final examination is F for the test/examination and a grade of F-DISC for the course, plus a one-year suspension from the Faculty of Arts. The F grade and disciplinary notation appears on the student's transcript. For more serious acts of academic dishonesty on a test or examination, such as repeat violations, this penalty can also include suspension for a period of up to five years from the Faculty of Arts.

## **Students Accessibility Services**

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If you are a student with a disability, please contact SAS for academic accommodation supports and services such as note-taking, interpreting, assistive technology and exam accommodations. Students who have, or think they may have, a disability (e.g. mental illness, learning, medical, hearing, injury-related, visual) are invited to contact SAS to arrange a confidential consultation.

*Student Accessibility Services* <http://umanitoba.ca/student/saa/accessibility/>

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204 474 7423

[Student\\_accessibility@umanitoba.ca](mailto:Student_accessibility@umanitoba.ca)

## **Class Schedule**

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Following is a tentative schedule; note that this schedule is subject to change at the discretion of the instructor and/or based on the learning needs of the students.

Date	Lecture Topic	Midterm Dates	
Sept.	6	Ch. 1	
	11	Ch. 2	
	13	Ch. 3	
	18	Ch. 4	
	20	Ch. 5	
	25	Ch. 6	
	27		<b>MIDTERM 1</b>
Oct.	2	Ch. 7	
	4	Ch. 8	
	9	Ch. 9	
	11	Ch. 10	
	16	Ch. 11	
	18	Review	
	23		<b>MIDTERM 2</b>
	25	Ch. 14	
Nov.	30	Ch. 16	
	1	Ch. 13	
	6	Ch. 23	
	8	Ch. 24	
	13	Fall Break	
	15	Fall Break	
	20	Review	
	22		<b>MIDTERM 3</b>
Dec.	27	Ch. 17	
	29	Ch. 21	
	4	Review	
	6		<b>MIDTERM 4</b>

## Course Evaluation Methods

Method of evaluation: in-class midterms. Note there is NO FINAL EXAM for this course.

Date	Assessment Tool	Value of Final Grade
Sep. 27, 10 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.	Midterm 1	25%
Oct. 23, 10 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.	Midterm 2	25%
Nov. 22, 10 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.	Midterm 3	30%
Dec. 6, 10 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.	Midterm 4	20%

## Grading

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Letter Grade	Percentage out of 100	Grade Point Range	Final Grade Point
A+	95-100	4.25-4.5	4.5
A	86-94	3.75-4.24	4.0
B+	80-85	3.25-3.74	3.5
B	72-79	2.75-3.24	3.0
C+	65-71	2.25-2.74	2.5
C	60-64	2.0-2.24	2.0
D	50-59	Less than 2.0	1.0
F	Less than 50		0

## Midterm Grading Times

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I will try to return midterms the following class. Midterms will not be taken up in class, but solutions will be posted on UMLearn.

## Missed Midterms

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If you miss a midterm due to documented medical or compassionate reasons, you will re-write another version of the midterm at the earliest possible date.

## What to Expect

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This is an intensive theoretical course that covers standard graduate-level material. You have to keep up with the coursework, and if you are having difficulties with a particular topic, you should get help as soon as possible. You should attempt all end-of-chapter problems, and try to solve the problem sets distributed in class on your own first. You can work with other students, but you will learn much more if you solve them first by yourself.

Lectures are not posted online; I write the material on the board and you (may) copy it. This helps you learn the topics and retain the information because we work through the material step-by-step while you are writing it down. Attending class is beneficial. The course moves fast – we cover one chapter per lecture. Do not fall behind!

Finally, midterms are not cumulative, but material builds on material from previous lectures. Therefore, if you do not understand something from an earlier class, do not dismiss it just because you've written the midterm. Ask for help!

## Additional Information

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### Writing and Learning Support

The Academic Learning Centre (ALC) offers services that may be helpful to you throughout

your academic program. Through the ALC, you can meet with a learning specialist to discuss concerns such as time management, learning strategies, and test-taking strategies. The ALC also offers peer supported study groups called Supplemental Instruction (SI) for certain courses that students have typically found difficult. In these study groups, students have opportunities to ask questions, compare notes, discuss content, solve practice problems, and develop new study strategies in a group-learning format.

You can also meet one-to-one with a writing tutor who can give you feedback at any stage of the writing process, whether you are just beginning to work on a written assignment or already have a draft. If you are interested in meeting with a writing tutor, reserve your appointment two to three days in advance of the time you would like to meet. Also, plan to meet with a writing tutor a few days before your paper is due so that you have time to work with the tutor's feedback.

These Academic Learning Centre services are free for U of M students. For more information, please visit the Academic Learning Centre website at: <http://umanitoba.ca/student/academiclearning/>

You can also contact the Academic Learning Centre by calling 204-480-1481 or by visiting 201 Tier Building.

### **University of Manitoba Libraries (UML)**

As the primary contact for all research needs, your liaison librarian can play a vital role when completing academic papers and assignments. Liaisons can answer questions about managing citations, or locating appropriate resources, and will address any other concerns you may have, regarding the research process. Liaisons can be contacted by email or phone, and are also available to meet with you in-person. A complete list of liaison librarians can be found by subject: <http://bit.ly/WcEbA1> or name: <http://bit.ly/1tj0bB4>. In addition, general library assistance is provided in person at 19 University Libraries, located on both the Fort Garry and Bannatyne campuses, as well as in many Winnipeg hospitals. For a listing of all libraries, please consult the following: <http://bit.ly/1sXe6RA>. When working remotely, students can also receive help online, via the Ask-a-Librarian chat found on the Libraries' homepage: [www.umanitoba.ca/libraries](http://www.umanitoba.ca/libraries).

### **Student Support**

**For 24/7 mental health support, contact the Mobile Crisis Service at 204-940-1781.**

### **Student Counselling Centre**

Contact SCC if you are concerned about any aspect of your mental health, including anxiety, stress, or depression, or for help with relationships or other life concerns. SCC offers crisis services as well as individual, couple, and group counselling. *Student Counselling Centre:* <http://umanitoba.ca/student/counselling/index.html>

474 University Centre or S207 Medical Services  
(204) 474-8592

**Student Support Case Management**

Contact the Student Support Case Management team if you are concerned about yourself or another student and don't know where to turn. SSCM helps connect students with on and off campus resources, provides safety planning, and offers other supports, including consultation, educational workshops, and referral to the STATIS threat assessment team.

*Student Support Intake Assistant* <http://umanitoba.ca/student/case-manager/index.html>

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(204) 474-7423

**University Health Service**

Contact UHS for any medical concerns, including mental health problems. UHS offers a full range of medical services to students, including psychiatric consultation.

*University Health Service* <http://umanitoba.ca/student/health/>

104 University Centre, Fort Garry Campus

(204) 474-8411 (Business hours or after hours/urgent calls)

**Health and Wellness**

Contact our Health and Wellness Educator if you are interested in information on a broad range of health topics, including physical and mental health concerns, alcohol and substance use harms, and sexual assault.

*Health and Wellness Educator* <http://umanitoba.ca/student/health-wellness/welcome.html>

[Katie.Kutryk@umanitoba.ca](mailto:Katie.Kutryk@umanitoba.ca)

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(204) 295-9032

**Live Well @ UofM**

For comprehensive information about the full range of health and wellness resources available on campus, visit the Live Well @ UofM site:

<http://umanitoba.ca/student/livewell/index.html>

**Your rights and responsibilities**

As a student of the University of Manitoba you have rights and responsibilities. It is important for you to know what you can expect from the University as a student and to understand what the University expects from you. Become familiar with the policies and procedures of the University and the regulations that are specific to your faculty, college or school.

The [Academic Calendar](http://umanitoba.ca/student/records/academiccalendar.html) <http://umanitoba.ca/student/records/academiccalendar.html> is one important source of information. View the sections *University Policies and Procedures* and *General Academic Regulations*.

While all of the information contained in these two sections is important, the following information is highlighted.

- If you have questions about your grades, talk to your instructor. There is a process for term

work and final **grade appeals**. Note that you have the right to access your final examination scripts. See the Registrar's Office website for more information including appeal deadline dates and the appeal form <http://umanitoba.ca/registrar/>

- You are expected to view the General Academic Regulation section within the Academic Calendar and specifically read the **Academic Integrity** regulation. Consult the course syllabus or ask your instructor for additional information about demonstrating academic integrity in your academic work. Visit the Academic Integrity Site for tools and support <http://umanitoba.ca/academicintegrity/> View the **Student Academic Misconduct** procedure for more information.
- The University is committed to a respectful work and learning environment. You have the right to be treated with respect and you are expected conduct yourself in an appropriate respectful manner. Policies governing behavior include the:  
**Respectful Work and Learning Environment**  
[http://umanitoba.ca/admin/governance/governing\\_documents/community/230.html](http://umanitoba.ca/admin/governance/governing_documents/community/230.html)  
**Student Discipline**  
[http://umanitoba.ca/admin/governance/governing\\_documents/students/student\\_discipline.html](http://umanitoba.ca/admin/governance/governing_documents/students/student_discipline.html) and,  
**Violent or Threatening Behaviour**  
[http://umanitoba.ca/admin/governance/governing\\_documents/community/669.html](http://umanitoba.ca/admin/governance/governing_documents/community/669.html)
- If you experience **Sexual Assault** or know a member of the University community who has, it is important to know there is a policy that provides information about the supports available to those who disclose and outlines a process for reporting. The **Sexual Assault** policy may be found at:  
[http://umanitoba.ca/admin/governance/governing\\_documents/community/230.html](http://umanitoba.ca/admin/governance/governing_documents/community/230.html)  
More information and resources can be found by reviewing the Sexual Assault site <http://umanitoba.ca/student/sexual-assault/>
- For information about rights and responsibilities regarding **Intellectual Property** view the policy [http://umanitoba.ca/admin/governance/media/Intellectual\\_Property\\_Policy\\_-\\_2013\\_10\\_01.pdf](http://umanitoba.ca/admin/governance/media/Intellectual_Property_Policy_-_2013_10_01.pdf)

For information on regulations that are specific to your academic program, read the section in the Academic Calendar and on the respective faculty/college/school web site <http://umanitoba.ca/faculties/>

Contact an **Academic Advisor** within our faculty/college or school for questions about your academic program and regulations <http://umanitoba.ca/academic-advisors/>

### **Student Advocacy**

Contact Student Advocacy if you want to know more about your rights and responsibilities as a student, have questions about policies and procedures, and/or want support in dealing with academic or discipline concerns.

<http://umanitoba.ca/student/advocacy/>

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