

**ARIZONA WESTERN COLLEGE  
SYLLABUS**

ECN 250 PRINCIPLES OF MICROECONOMICS/GE

Credit Hours: 3 Lec: 3

PREREQUISITES: None

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Analysis of price determination and income distribution in a free enterprise economy. Includes detailed study of supply and demand, allocation of resources by individual firms, and application to the American economic system.

1. COURSE GOAL

Apply general microeconomics principles as they relate to prices, output, factor costs, markets, market structures, and international trade; and to contemplate the global/international relationships that exist in our economy.

2. OUTCOMES

Upon satisfactory completion of this course, students will be able to:

- 2.1 explain how an economy is influenced by the basic economic problem of scarcity.
- 2.2 discuss basic economic models and concepts such as production possibilities, comparative advantage, and absolute advantage.
- 2.3 explain supply, demand, equilibrium, their interrelationships, and their elasticities.
- 2.4 describe how firms cost their product and the broad concept of economic profit.
- 2.5 explain the market structures found in the U. S. economy.
- 2.6 discuss the resource markets, including the labor market and its relationship with labor unions.
- 2.7 review current economic news and discussions.
- 2.8 analyze the political and philosophical implication of economic theory and **trade** policy.

3. AWC GENERAL EDUCATION (GE) CATEGORY & CRITERIA

SOCIAL & BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES

- The importance of understanding and respecting cultures through social, family, historical, political events and/or processes using social scientific theories, methods, principles, and/or perspectives
- How to apply social scientific methods of inquiry to generate knowledge about human behavior within individuals, societies, and across cultural groups
- The diversity of human development for individuals and/or social groups, including behaviors across time, culture, and historic/social/political/economic contexts
- The interactions among human thought, behavior, relationships, and actions through the lens of social scientific analytic frameworks
- The challenges of understanding the diverse natures of individuals and cultural groups who live together in a complex and evolving world
- How to think critically to better understand the range of human experience through time and to navigate stressful challenges inherent in the human condition
- How to investigate social consequences or large-scale and group economic, technological, scientific, political, ecological, and cultural change
- The importance of global awareness, intercultural knowledge, and intellectual humility, objectivity, and/or curiosity, by situating cultural, social, and/or intellectual artifacts in a diverse range of cultural, historical, and intellectual contexts

4. METHODS OF INSTRUCTION

- 4.1 Lecture
- 4.2 Instructional technology
- 4.3 Activities
- 4.4 Discussion

5. LEARNING ACTIVITIES

- 5.1 Assigned readings
- 5.2 Writing
- 5.3 Assignments

6. EVALUATION

- 6.1 Assignments and written papers
- 6.2 Participation
- 6.3 Quizzes and exams

7. STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES

- 7.1 Under AWC Policy, students are expected to attend every session of class in which they are enrolled.
- 7.2 If a student is unable to attend the course or must drop the course for any reason, it will be the responsibility of the student to withdraw from the course. Students who are not attending as of the 45th day of the course will be withdrawn by the instructor. If the student does not withdraw from the course and fails to complete the requirements of the course, the student will receive a failing grade.
- 7.3 Americans with Disabilities Act Accommodations: Arizona Western College provides academic accommodations to students with disabilities through AccessABILITY Resource Services (ARS). ARS provides reasonable and appropriate accommodations to students who have documented disabilities. It is the responsibility of the student to make the ARS Coordinator aware of the need for accommodations in the classroom prior to the beginning of the semester. Students should follow up with their instructors once the semester begins. To make an appointment call the ARS front desk at (928) 344-7674 or ARS Coordinator at (928) 344-7629, in the College Community Center (3C) building, next to Advising.
- 7.4 Academic Integrity: Any student participating in acts of academic dishonesty including, but not limited to, copying the work of other students, using unauthorized “crib notes”, plagiarism, stealing tests, or forging an instructor’s signature—will be subject to the procedures and consequences outlined in AWC’s Student Code of Conduct.
- 7.5 Texts and Notebooks: Students are required to obtain the class materials for the course.
- 7.6 Arizona Western College students are expected to attend every class session in which they are enrolled. To comply with Federal Financial Aid regulations (34 CFR 668.21), Arizona Western College (AWC) has established an Attendance Verification process for “No Show” reporting during the first 10 days of each semester.  
Students who have enrolled but have never attended class may be issued a “No Show” (NS) grade by the professor or instructor and receive a final grade of “NS” on their official academic record. An NS grade may result in a student losing their federal financial aid.  
For online classes, *student attendance in an online class is defined as the following* (FSA Handbook, 2012, 5-90):
  - Submitting an academic assignment
  - Taking an exam, an interactive tutorial or computer-assisted instruction
  - Attending a study group that is assigned by the school
  - Participating in an online discussion about academic matters
  - Initiating contact with a faculty member to ask a question about the academic subject studied in the course