



Managerial Economics (ECON 5329-600) Syllabus

Course Information

CRN: 24033
Semester: Spring 2026
Class Modality: Online - Synchronous
Class Meeting Time: Thursday, 07:30 pm – 08:45 pm
Class Meeting Zoom Link: <https://tamusa.zoom.us/j/81538530658>
Class Duration: 01/20 - 05/12
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Students can expect a reply to their emails within one business day.

Please include the course number (ECON 5329-600) in your communications.

Course Website: <https://tamusa.blackboard.com>

Office Hours: In person: Tue, Thu, 10:30 am - 12:30 pm
Online (via Zoom): Wed, 9:30 am - 11:30 pm
<https://tamusa.zoom.us/j/81708763572>
Or email the instructor to schedule an appointment.

Catalog Course Description

Microeconomic theory applied to managerial decision-making.

Course Objectives

The objective of this course is to strengthen students' comprehension of fundamental economic concepts, including demand, supply, production, and costs. Additionally, it introduces advanced tools like game theory. Students will learn to distinguish various market structures and utilize the associated concepts and tools to make optimal managerial decisions.

Prerequisites

None.

Student Learning Outcomes

After successfully completing this course, students will be able to:

1. Explain how a specific economic event can impact the demand, supply, and market equilibrium of a good.
2. Utilize regression analysis in Excel to estimate a product's demand function.
3. Recognize different types of market structures and determine the profit-maximizing price and quantity for a firm within each context.
4. Employ game theory to anticipate the outcomes of interactions between firms.
5. Identify practices that contravene US antitrust laws.

Required Materials

- Textbook: The Economics of Managerial Decisions, Blair and Rush, Any edition, Pearson. Custom e-book. ISBN: 013-4166167. Optional.
- Blackboard: Connect to <http://tamusa.blackboard.com>. You will have access to slides, multimedia material and other supplementary material on Blackboard.

Time Expectation for coursework

You are expected to dedicate 2-4 hours per week (in addition to watching the lectures) for this course. Depending on individual backgrounds, some students may need more time. Expect to spend additional hours during exam periods.

Course Requirements to succeed in course

1. Check emails or the Announcements section on Blackboard daily.
2. Stay up-to-date with all the lectures, quizzes, and exams.
3. If completing classwork, exams, or quizzes off-campus, students are responsible for ensuring their own internet connectivity. Extensions will not be provided due to internet connectivity issues.

Grading Policy

The final course grade will be determined by your performance in quizzes, exams, and presentations using the following weights:

AI Assignments	5%
6 Quizzes	30%
Midterm Exam	32%
Final Exam	33%
Total	100%

The final letter grades will be assigned as follows: Above 90% \Rightarrow A; 80 – 89% \Rightarrow B; 70 – 79% \Rightarrow C; 60 – 69% \Rightarrow D; Below 60% \Rightarrow F.

This course has a requirement of a grade of C as a minimal grade for satisfactory completion of this course.

Examinations and Quizzes

Each quiz will be accessible online for a duration of 6 days, allowing you the flexibility to take it at a time and location that suits you. Both the midterm and the final, however, will have limited time. If you have a legitimate reason preventing you from taking the exams at the determined date, it's imperative that you notify the instructor at least one week in advance. With the instructor's approval, you may then opt to take the exam on another date.

AI Assignments

Each week before class, identify one concept from the previous lecture that you found difficult or confusing. Use an AI chatbot (e.g., ChatGPT, Gemini, Grok, or Claude) to explain the concept briefly at three levels:

- Explain X to me as if I were 5 years old, in one paragraph
- Explain X to me as if I were a high school student, in one paragraph
- Explain X to me as if I were an established professional in Economics or Finance, in one paragraph (use appropriate jargon that makes me sound intelligent and well-read in the subject)

Then, after reading the three explanations, write 2–3 sentences explaining which level helped you the most and why.

Each week, four students will be selected at random to share their responses in class.

Make up and Late Assignment/exam/quiz policy

Late submissions and make-up exams are not allowed unless the student provides verifiable evidence of an emergency situation.

Class Schedule

The provisions and information set forth in the schedule below are intended to be informational and not contractual in nature. The instructor reserves the right to amend, alter, change, delete or modify the provisions of the schedule.

Week	Dates	Chapter and Topic	Assignments
1	Jan 22	Introduction, Chapter 1	
2	Jan 29	Chapter 2	Quiz 1 posted on Jan 29, due by Feb 4
3	Feb 5	Chapter 2	
4	Feb 12	Chapter 3	Quiz 2 posted on Feb 12, due by Feb 18
5	Feb 19	Chapter 4	
6	Feb 26	Chapter 4, Midterm Review	Quiz 3 posted on Feb 26, Due by Mar 4
7	Mar 5	Mid-term Exam	
8	Mar 12	Spring Break	
9	Mar 19	Chapter 4 Continued	
10	Mar 26	Chapter 5	Quiz 4 posted on Mar 26, Due by Apr 1
11	Apr 2	Chapter 6	
12	Apr 9	Chapter 6	Quiz 5 posted on Apr 9, Due by Apr 15
13	Apr 16	Chapter 8	

Week	Dates	Chapter and Topic	Assignments
14	Apr 23	Chapter 9	Quiz 6 posted on Apr 23, due by Apr 29
15	Apr 30	Chapter 10, Final Exam Review	
16	May 7	Final Exam	

Course Drop Policy

You may drop the course with an automatic grade of W on or before the date listed in the academic calendar at www.tamusa.edu. The last date to drop a course or withdraw from the University is also indicated in the academic calendar on the university website (www.tamusa.edu). If you wish to drop the class, you must submit the necessary paperwork to the proper authority. Students dropping a course are subject to all conditions listed in the university catalog.

University Email Policy and Course Communications

All correspondence between professors and students must occur via tamusa email accounts or Blackboard messages. You must have your Jaguar email account ready and working. If it is not working, contact the help desk at 210-784-4357.

Academic Misconduct Policy

Texas A&M University-San Antonio students are expected to exhibit a high level of honesty and integrity in their pursuit of higher education, and follow the Texas A&M University-San Antonio Code of Conduct. For more information please visit the Office of Student Rights & Responsibilities website <http://bit.ly/TAMUSASStudentRR>.

Academic misconduct includes, but is not limited to, cheating, plagiarism, multiple submissions, collusion, lying and bribery. In cases of academic misconduct, students may be subject not only to grade sanctions in courses but to disciplinary action. If a student wishes to appeal the decision of suspension or expulsion due to violations of academic misconduct, they must initiate their appeal as outlined within the Student Code of Conduct.

All student term papers and other written assignments are subject to analysis by anti-plagiarism software. Posting of any class work given to student, or solutions, or discussion, on publicly accessible forums or on social media is not permissible unless explicit written permission have been granted by the instructor.

IMPORTANT POLICIES AND RESOURCES

Academic Accommodations for Persons with Disabilities:

The Americans with Disabilities Act Amendments Act (ADAAA) of 2008 and the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 are federal anti-discrimination statutes that provide comprehensive civil rights protection for persons with disabilities. Title II of the ADAAA and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act require that students with disabilities be guaranteed equal access to the learning environment through the provision of reasonable and appropriate accommodation of their disability. If you have a diagnosed disability that may require an accommodation, please contact Disability Support Services (DSS) for the coordination of services. The phone number for DSS is (210) 784-1335 and email is dss@tamusa.edu.

Academic Learning Center:

All currently enrolled students at Texas A&M University-San Antonio can utilize the Academic Learning Center for subject-area tutoring. The Academic Learning Center is an appointment based center where appointments are made through the Navigate platform. Students access Navigate through Jagwire in the Student Services tab. The Center is active on campus outreaching to students to highlight services offered. You can contact the Academic Learning Center by emailing tutoring@tamusa.edu or calling (210)-784-1332. Appointments can also be made through JagWire under the services tab.

Counseling Resources

As a college student, there may be times when personal stressors interfere with your academic performance and/or negatively impact your daily functioning. If you or someone you know is experiencing life stressors, emotional difficulties, or mental health concerns at Texas A&M University – San Antonio, please contact the Student Counseling Center (SCC) located in Modular C, Room 166 (Rear entrance) or call 210-784-1331 between the hours of 8:00AM and 5:00PM. All mental health services provided by the SCC are free, confidential (as the law allows), and are not part of a student's academic or university record. SCC provides brief individual, couples, and group therapy, crisis intervention, consultation, case management, and prevention services. For more information, please visit www.tamusa.edu/studentcounseling

In a crisis situation, please walk-in to the Student Counseling Center (SCC) any time between the hours of 8:00AM and 5:00PM to be seen by a licensed clinician. After hours, please contact UPD at 911 or text "HOME" to 741-741 24/7/365 to connect with a trained crisis counselor. The National Suicide Prevention hotline also offers a 24/7/365 hotline at 1-800-273-8255.

Emergency Preparedness

JagE Alert is Texas A&M University-San Antonio's mass notification. In the event of an emergency, such as inclement weather, students, staff and faculty, who are registered, will have the option to receive a text message, email and/or phone call with instructions and updates. To register or update your information visit: <https://tamusa.bbcportal.com/>.

More information about Emergency Preparedness and the Emergency Response Guide can be found here: <https://www.tamusa.edu/upd/index.html>.

Financial Aid and Verification of Attendance

According to the following federal regulation, 34 CFR 668.21: U.S. Department of Education (DoE) Title IV regulation, a student can only receive Title IV funds based on Title IV eligibility criteria which include class attendance. If Title IV funds are disbursed to ineligible students (including students who fail to begin attendance), the institution must return these funds to the U.S. DoE within 30 days of becoming aware that the student will not or has not begun attendance. Faculty will provide the Office of Financial Aid with an electronic notification if a student has not attended the first week of class. Any student receiving federal financial aid who does not attend the first week of class will have their aid terminated and returned to the DoE. Please note that any student who stops attending at any time during the semester may also need to return a portion of their federal aid.

Jaguar Writing Center

The Jaguar Writing Center provides writing support to graduate and undergraduate students in all three colleges. Writing tutors work with students to develop reading skills, prepare oral presentations, and plan, draft, and revise their written assignments. The Writing Center is currently holding all appointments digitally. Students can schedule appointments with the Writing Center in JagWire under the student services tab. Students wanting to work in realtime with a tutor can schedule an "Online Appointment." Students wishing to receive asynchronous, written feedback from a tutor can schedule

an “eTutoring” appointment. More information about what services we offer, how to make an appointment, and how to access your appointment can be found on our website at www.tamusa.edu/Writing-Center. The Writing Center can also be reached by emailing writingcenter@tamusa.edu.

Meeting Basic Needs

Any student who has difficulty affording groceries or accessing sufficient food to eat every day, or who lacks a safe and stable place to live, and believes this may affect their performance in the course, is urged to contact the Dean of Students (DOS@tamusa.edu) for support. Furthermore, please notify the professor if you are comfortable in doing so. This will enable them to provide any resources they may possess.

Military Affairs

Veterans and active-duty military personnel are welcomed and encouraged to communicate, in advance if possible, and special circumstances (e.g., upcoming deployment, drill requirements, disability accommodations). You are also encouraged to visit the Patriots’ Casa in-person room 202, or to contact the Office of Military Affairs with any questions at military@tamusa.edu or (210)784-1397.

Religious Observances

Texas A&M University-San Antonio recognizes the diversity of faiths represented among the campus community and protects the rights of students, faculty, and staff to observe religious holidays according to their tradition. Under the policy, students are provided an opportunity to make up any examination, study, or work requirements that may be missed due to a religious observance provided they notify their instructors before the end of the second week of classes for regular session classes.

The Six-Drop Rule

Students are subject to the requirements of Senate Bill (SB) 1231 passed by the Texas Legislature in 2007. SB 1231 limits students to a maximum of six (6) non-punitive course drops (i.e., courses a student chooses to drop) during their undergraduate careers. A non-punitive drop does not affect the student’s GPA. However, course drops that exceed the maximum allowed by SB 1231 will be treated as “F” grades and will impact the student’s GPA.

Students’ Rights and Responsibilities

The purpose of the following statement is to enumerate the essential provisions for the student freedom and responsibility to learn at Texas A&M University-San Antonio. All students are required to follow all policies and regulations as set forth by The Texas A&M University System. This includes the [A&M-San Antonio Student Code of Conduct](#).

Students’ Rights

1. A student shall have the right to participate in a free exchange of ideas, and there shall be no university rule or procedure that in any way abridges the rights of freedom of speech, expression, petition and peaceful assembly as set forth in the U.S. Constitution.
2. Each student shall have the right to participate in all areas and activities of the university, free from any form of discrimination, including harassment, on the basis of race, color, national or ethnic origin, religion, sex, disability, age, sexual orientation, genetic information or veteran status in accordance with applicable federal and state laws.
3. A student has the right to personal privacy except as otherwise provided by law, and this will be observed by students and University authorities alike.

- Each student subject to disciplinary action arising from violations of university student rules shall be assured a fundamentally fair process.

Students' Responsibilities

- A student has the responsibility to respect the rights and property of others, including other students, the faculty and the administration.
- A student has the responsibility to be fully acquainted with the published University Student Rules found in the Student Handbook, Student Code of Conduct, on our website, University Catalog and students must comply with them and the laws of the land.
- A student has the responsibility to recognize that student actions reflect upon the individuals involved and upon the entire university community.
- A student has the responsibility to recognize the University's obligation to provide an environment for learning.
- A student has the responsibility to check their university email for any updates or official university notification.
- We expect that students will behave in a manner that is dignified, respectful, and courteous to all people, regardless of sex, ethnic/racial origin, religious background, sexual orientation or disability. Behaviors that infringe on the rights of another individual will not be tolerated.

Key Dates for Spring 2026 Semester

The complete academic calendar is available online:

<https://catalog.tamusa.edu/undergraduate/academic-calendar/>

Date	Day	Event
January 13	Tuesday	Tuition & fee payment deadline
January 15	Thursday	Drop for non-payment
January 16	Friday	Last day for students withdrawing to receive 100% refund and responsible for 0% of tuition
January 19	Monday	Martin Luther King Day - No classes
January 20	Tuesday	First class day
January 27	Tuesday	Last day to register
February 4	Wednesday	Last day for students to apply for Spring graduation
February 4	Wednesday	Deadline for students who have applied for Spring graduation to complete Change of Name and/or Change of Major form(s) at the Enrollment Services Center
February 4	Wednesday	Census date
February 5	Thursday	Drop for non-payment
February 23- March 6	Monday-Friday	Midterm grading period
March 9-14	Monday-Saturday	Spring Break - No classes
April 3	Friday	Study day - No classes
April 17	Friday	Last day to drop with an automatic "W"

Date	Day	Event
May 1	Friday	Last day to withdraw from the university
May 4	Monday	Last class day
May 4	Tuesday	Study day - No classes
May 6-12	Wednesday- Tuesday	Final examinations
May 12	Tuesday	End of term
May 15	Friday	All grades due by noon via Jagwire
May 18	Monday	Grades available in JagWire
May 19	Tuesday	Spring Commencement