



Phase II CCN TEMPLATE

Background

- This CCN Course Template was developed by Economics discipline faculty representatives from the California Community Colleges, California State University, University of California and independent colleges and universities during October-December 2024, using C-ID ECON 201 as a starting point.
- Development of the CCN Course Template was facilitated by ASCCC with advisory input from segment articulation officers and transfer experts.
- Submitted to the Chancellor’s Office: January 2025

Subject: Economics	Subject Code: ECON
Proposed Course Number (Identical): ECON C2001	
Course Title (Identical): Principles of Microeconomics	
<p>Catalog/Course Description (Identical):</p> <p>Part 1 (Identical and Required): An introductory course using microeconomic models to understand individual decisions by consumers and firms, market outcomes including market failure, elasticity, market structures, labor markets, inequality, and the impact of government policies.</p> <p>Part 2 (Optional Expanded Description, Local College Discretion):</p>	



Minimum Unit Threshold | 3.0 Semester Units

Unit amounts must adhere to the established minimum.

Units for this course may be any combination of lecture/lab to meet student needs.

Prerequisites (Identical): Placement as determined by the college's multiple measures assessment process or completion of a course taught at or above the level of elementary algebra.

Co-Requisites (Identical): None

Other Limitations on Enrollment (determined locally): N/A

Advisories/Recommended Preparation (determined locally): N/A



Course Content:

Part 1: Required Topics (Identical):

1. Fundamentals of economic thinking
 - a. Scarcity / opportunity costs
 - b. Factors of production / production possibilities
 - c. Specialization and gains from trade
 - d. Marginal analysis
 - e. Rational behavior
 - f. Economic models and research methodology
2. How markets operate
 - a. Definition of a market
 - b. Supply and demand model
 - c. Producer / consumer surplus and efficiency
 - d. Government intervention
3. Elasticity
4. Consumer theory / demand
5. Producer theory
 - a. Production and costs
 - b. Accounting / economic profit
 - c. Short- and long-run production decisions
 - d. Industry structure
6. Market structures
 - a. Perfect competition
 - b. Monopoly
 - c. Monopolistic competition
 - d. Oligopoly and game theory
7. Labor markets
8. Market failure and public policy
 - a. Externalities
 - b. Public goods
 - c. Imperfect competition
 - d. Efficiency vs. equity



Part 2: Optional Expanded or Additional Topics (optional):

Laboratory Activities: (if applicable) N/A

Course Objectives/Outcomes (Identical and Required):

Part 1 (Identical and Required):

At the conclusion of this course, the student should be able to (Identical and Required):

1. Perform and interpret microeconomic calculations.
2. Apply microeconomic models to analyze market outcomes, including market failures and government policies.
3. Model how consumers and firms make decisions under a variety of market structures.

Part 2 Optional objectives/outcomes (optional):

At the conclusion of this course, the student should be able to:



Methods of Evaluation: (Identical and Required)

Part 1 (Identical and Required):

Assessments for this course will include both formative and summative assignments that may include some or all of the following:

Exams and Quizzes containing one or more:

- Multiple Choice questions
- Short answers
- Problem Solving
- True/False
- Essays

Other Assessments:

- Problem sets
- Online or in-class discussions
- Presentations
- Group projects
- Experiments
- Current event analysis
- Term papers

Assessed written work may include any of the following (colleges are encouraged to work with local CSU and UC departments to determine writing requirements):

- Current event analysis
- Discussion boards
- Essay questions on exams
- Term papers

Methods of evaluation are at the discretion of local faculty.

Part 2 List Additional Methods of Evaluation (Optional):



Representative Texts, Manuals, OER, and Other Support Materials:

Part 1 (Identical and Required):

These are representative texts. Texts used by individual institutions and even individual sections will vary.

These are two-semester textbooks covering both Macroeconomics and Microeconomics. The one-semester edition covering only Microeconomics is acceptable as is any other equivalent textbook, including an OER textbook.

- Arnold, R., Arnold, D., & Arnold, D. (2023) Economics. Mason, OH: Cengage Learning.
- Colander, D. (2019) Economics. New York: McGraw-Hill Irwin.
- Coppock, L. & Mateer. (2023) Principles of Economics, Norton.
- The CORE Econ Team. The Economy 2.0, CORE Econ.
- Cowen, T., & Tabarrok, A. (2021) Modern Principles of Economics. New York: Worth.
- Frank, R. H., & Bernanke, B. S. (2024) Principles of Economics. New York: McGraw-Hill Irwin.
- Greenlaw, S., Shapiro, D., & MacDonald, D. Principles of Economics 3e. Houston, TX: OpenStax.
- Hubbard, R. G., & O'Brien, A. P. (2024) Economics. Boston: Pearson.
- Krugman, P. & Wells, R. (2024) Economics. New York: Worth.
- Mankiw, N. G. (2024) Principles of economics. Mason, OH: Cengage Learning.
- McConnell, C. R., Brue, S. L., & Flynn, S. M. Economics: Principles, problems and policies. New York: McGraw-Hill Irwin.
- Parkin, M., (2023) Economics, New York: Pearson
- Rittenberg, L., & Tregarthen, T. (2021) Principles of economics. Flat World Knowledge.
- Schneider, G., (2024) Microeconomic Principles and Problems: A Pluralist Introduction. New York: Routledge.
- Stevenson, B. & Wolfers, J. (2023) Principles of Economics, New York: Worth.
- Tucker, I. B. (2023) Economics for today. Mason, OH: Cengage Learning.

Part 2 List Sample Textbooks, Manuals, or Other Support Materials (optional):



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