EC 703a Advanced Microeconomic Theory  Spring 2011

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Time and Location: MW 11:00-12:30, CAS 216. First lecture: January 19th. Last lecture: March 9th.

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Teaching Assistant: Shukla Tanmay (tanmays@bu.edu, Room TBA). TA sessions: F 9:00-10:30, CAS 226. Office hours: TBA.

Course description: This part of the course will primarily focus on non-cooperative game theory and its applications.

Course website: the material for this class will be posted on Blackboard (http://blackboard.bu.edu).

Grading: Your grade for my part of 703 will be based on weekly problem sets and the final exam (in class on March 9th). The exam will count for 80% of your grade in my part of the class, the problems for the remainder. You will receive one grade for 703 based on combining Professor Lipman's evaluation for the second half of the course with my evaluation.

Homework: Problem sets will be posted on my web page each Friday. Your answers are to be turned in by 3 pm on Monday (9 days later). Shukla Tanmay will grade a random selection of the problems. You are encouraged to form small groups to work on the problem sets but you must take into account that (i) the final aim is to develop the ability to solve the problems by yourself, (ii) everyone has to turn in personal answers.

Academic Conduct: It is your responsibility to know and understand the provisions of the CAS Academic Conduct Code (copies are available in room CAS 104). Cases of suspected academic misconduct will be referred to the Dean’s Office.


Course Outline and Readings

All dates are approximate. The order and selection of topics is subject to change.

Introduction to game theory (Week 1 – 1h30). Chapter 7 of MWG
Simultaneous-move games of complete information (Weeks 2 and 3 – 4h30). Chapter 8, sections A through D.
Dynamic games of complete information (Weeks 4 and 5 – 6h). Chapter 9.
Incomplete information (Weeks 6 and 7 – 4h30). Chapter 8, Section E.
Final Exam: Wednesday March 9th (in class)