Introduction to Microeconomics,
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*ConnectPlus*, on line at [http://www.mcgraw-hillconnect.com](http://www.mcgraw-hillconnect.com)

To register for Connect, go to:


Follow the online directions. Be sure that you purchase *Connect Plus*, which includes an e-text. If you purchase basic *Connect*, instead of *ConnectPlus*, you will not have the e-text, so you will not get help links to the text when you are working on graded homework assignments. You **must** purchase *Connect* on line to be able to take this section of E201.

Note: you may need to use Internet Explorer as your browser to register, although after registration, Firefox should work if you prefer.

Note: The e-book edition of Frank & Bernanke textbook is packaged with *ConnectPlus* on line; the print edition is optional but I recommend it highly. It is difficult to read an entire textbook on a computer screen, and printing from the e-text is difficult--the text can be printed only one section at a time. The e-text is really useful for specific sections, because you can access it on line anywhere, without carrying your book with you; in addition, combining it with *Connect* means you can get tips on the homework problems with links to the e-text from the homework. However, it is a poor replacement for the print edition, as mentioned before.

Grading:

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Note: No make-up exams or homework assignments. No late homework assignments will be accepted for any reasons. *Connect* will cut you off if an assignment is not finished by the deadline, so do not cut it close. If you gamble and wait until close to the deadline for an assignment, you risk losing all credit for that assignment if you have a computer problem, work conflict, home crisis, or anything else that prevents you from finishing on time. I
encourage you to work ahead, which will greatly reduce your stress level and avoid the very real risk of a missed assignment. The best protection is to treat every due date as 24 hours earlier than scheduled; that way you will never lose credit.

Revised Tutoring Schedule:

The economics department provides a tutor at no charge. (Of course, nothing is truly free, but at the margin, tutoring is “free,” because you have already paid for it, in your tuition!) The tutor is Pingping Ren, who will hold tutoring hours in CA534 at the following times:

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I encourage you to take advantage of the tutoring program whenever you are unclear on the readings or assignments.

Study Tips:

1. Studying economics is a lot like learning a new language. Economics has its own vocabulary with very precise definitions. If you don’t understand the terminology, the concepts can be difficult to grasp. An additional complication is that much of the terminology is used in everyday language, but often with a somewhat different meaning. Make sure that you understand the terms before you try to comprehend the material.

2. Economics involves a specialized way of thinking that must be learned early in the course in order to understand the material that comes later. Pace yourself so that you don’t get behind in the introductory classes. Later chapters build upon the earlier material.

3. You can’t learn economics by osmosis. You may listen to a lecture and feel that everything is clear. However, to understand the material well enough to succeed on the exams, you need to solve problems and answer review questions. Read the text and stay current with the Connect assignments. Not only is the homework graded, but it is also a good way to identify and resolve problems before the exams.

4. Take advantage of the resources that are available to you, starting with your instructor and the Econ Dept. tutor. Don’t feel constrained by the posted office hours; you can telephone or stop by any time. I’m also generally available by e-mail (rharris@iupui.edu). You can send messages through Oncourse, but be sure to click on the link “Send a copy of this message to recipients' email address(es)” (above the Oncourse message that you are sending). I check e-mail constantly, but I check Oncourse only infrequently, so if you do not have it forwarded to e-mail, you may wait days for an answer!
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**Principles of Undergraduate Learning:** This course addresses the *core communication and quantitative skills* principle, emphasizing performance of quantitative analysis and the use of information resources and technology. It also contributes to the *critical thinking* principle, especially in developing the ability to synthesize information to arrive at reasoned conclusions, to evaluate the logic, validity, and relevance of data, and to solve challenging problems.