General Information:

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Registration:

You are responsible for ensuring you are registered in the correct courses. If you are not registered in this course, the Department will not release any of your marks until your registration is corrected. You may check your timetable by using the Login on the Student Services website at https://student.uwo.ca. If you notice a problem, please contact your home Faculty Academic Counsellor immediately.

Prerequisite Note:

The prerequisite(s) for this course is (are) Economics 2261A/B; and Economics 2210A/B, OR both of Mathematics 1600A/B (the former Linear Algebra 1600A/B) and Calculus 1501A/B (Calculus 1301A/B with a mark of at least 85% will be allowed as a substitute for Calculus 1501A/B.)

You are responsible for ensuring that you have successfully completed all course prerequisites, and that you have not taken any anti-requisite courses. Lack of prerequisites may not be used as a basis for appeal. If you are found to be ineligible for a course, you may be removed from it at any time and you will receive no adjustment to your fees. This decision cannot be appealed.

If you find that you do not have the course prerequisites, it is in your best interest to drop the course well before the end of the add/drop period. Your prompt attention to this matter will not only help protect your academic record, but will ensure that spaces become available for students who require the course in question for graduation.

Course Objectives:
This course is an introduction to game theory, which studies strategic interactions between rational agents. The focus of the course will be non-cooperative static and dynamic games with complete and incomplete information.

**Course Learning Outcomes:**

As a result of taking this course the students will gain a deep understanding of the game-theoretic concepts and methods. The students will be able to apply these concepts and tools to analyze real life economic and social situations that involve strategic interaction. The students will also be well prepared to take more advanced courses in modern microeconomic theory, to take applied courses where game-theoretic methods are used, and to develop game-theoretic models for their senior thesis projects.

**Textbook(s):**

Required textbook for this course:
For more information on this textbook see [http://press.princeton.edu/titles/10001.html](http://press.princeton.edu/titles/10001.html)

**Grading:**

Problem sets (total of 8; due dates below): 30%
Midterm (Tuesday October 29 in class): 30%
Final (TBA): 40%

Problem sets will be posted in advance on the course information website. They will be due on the following dates in class:

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No late problem sets will be accepted.
You can work on the problem sets in groups. However, each student is supposed to submit an individual problem set and list the names of the people in his/her study group.
Problem set with the worst score will not count for the calculation of the final mark.
Topics Covered and Readings:

1. Rational decision making (Chapters 1-2).
2. Static games of complete information (Chapters 3-6).
3. Dynamic games of complete information (Chapters 7-11).
4. Static games of incomplete information (Chapters 12-13).
5. Dynamic games of incomplete information (Chapters 15-16).

Note:

- The first class is on Thursday September 5.
- There will be no classes on Tuesday November 5 and Thursday November 7 (Fall Reading week).
- The last class is on Thursday December 5.

Copyright:

Lectures and course materials, including power point presentations, outlines, and similar materials, are protected by copyright. Students may take notes and make copies of course materials for their own educational purposes. Students may not record lectures, reproduce (or allow others to reproduce), post or distribute lecture notes, wiki material, and other course materials publicly and/or for commercial purposes without written consent.
Remember that the University expects all students to take responsibility for their own Academic Programs. Students should also check their registration to ensure they are enrolled in the correct courses.

1. Guidelines and policies for the Faculty of Social Science and the Department of Economics are posted online in the current Western Academic Calendar at: http://westerncalendar.uwo.ca.


3. **Cheating as an academic offence:** Students are responsible for understanding what it means to “cheat”. The Department of Economics treats cheating incidents very seriously and will investigate any suspect behavior. Students found guilty will incur penalties that could include a failing grade or being barred from future registration in other Economics courses or programs. The University may impose further penalties such as a notation on an official academic transcript, suspension or expulsion.

4. **Plagiarism:** Students must write their essays and assignments in their own words. When taking an idea/passage from another author, it must be acknowledged with quotation marks where appropriate and referenced with footnotes or citations. Plagiarism is an academic offence (see Scholastic Discipline for Undergraduate Students in the Western Calendar at http://westerncalendar.uwo.ca/PolicyPages.cfm?Command=showCategory&PolicyCategoryID=1&SelectedCalendar=Live&ArchiveID=#Page_20).

   Western University uses software to check for plagiarism and students may be required to electronically submit their work. Those found guilty will be penalized as noted in point 3.

5. It is a Department of Economics policy that **NO** assignments be dated, stamped or accepted by staff. Students must submit assignments in class or to the instructor during office hours.

6. When appealing a mark, students should refer to the Student Academic Appeals section in the current Western Academic Calendar at: http://westerncalendar.uwo.ca/PolicyPages.cfm?Command=showCategory&PolicyCategoryID=1&SelectedCalendar=Live&ArchiveID=#Page_14
   Please note the relevant deadlines.

   The Department will not consider an appeal unless an attempt has been made to settle the matter with the instructor first. Students who remain dissatisfied with the outcome may proceed with a written appeal (e-mails are not acceptable) to the Undergraduate Director in Economics, stating the reasons for their appeal. A checklist is provided at: http://economics.uwo.ca/undergraduate/program_counselling/responsibilities_policies.html#appeals.
7. Systematic adjustments of a class grade distribution (either up or down) can occur in Economics courses. The fact that grades have been adjusted is not grounds for an appeal.

8. Note the following add and drop deadlines:

   Deadline to add a first term half course: Wednesday September 13, 2019
   Deadline to drop a first term half course: Tuesday November 12, 2019

9. Faculty of Social Science policy states that oversleeping or misreading an exam schedule is NOT grounds for a makeup. This rule applies to midterm and final exams in the Department of Economics.

Policy Regarding Makeup Tests and Final Examinations

This section will be rewritten in the near future.

Policies Regarding Academic Accommodation

The Faculty of Social Science’s policies regarding academic accommodation is found at http://counselling.ssc.uwo.ca/procedures/having_problems/index.html. “Academic Rights and Responsibilities” are also outlined in the Western Calendar at http://westerncalendar.uwo.ca/PolicyPages.cfm?PolicyCategoryID=1&command=showCategory&SelectedCalendar=Live&ArchiveID=. Claiming that “you didn’t know what to do” is not an acceptable excuse for not following the stated procedures.

Policy Regarding Class Attendance

If the instructor deems a student’s class attendance as unsatisfactory, that student may be prohibited from writing the final examination. If there is intent to make use of this University policy, the student will be notified in writing.

Statement on Mental Health and Support Services

Students under emotional/mental distress should visit http://uwo.ca/health/mental_wellbeing/ for more information and a complete list of resources on how to obtain help.