

To: Microeconomics students
From: Micro Faculty

Welcome to the NYU Wagner core course in microeconomics. We look forward to getting to know you in our classes this semester. In order to prepare for the semester, you should obtain the books for the class, and complete the assigned readings and problems listed below before the first class.

A particularly important component of this assignment is the graphing review contained in the Frank-Bernanke appendix to chapter 1 (see below). Students who are not comfortable with this material should take the Math Review (P11.1106), offered several times before and during the start of the semester. You will need a clear and intuitive grasp of graphical analysis in order to successfully complete this course. We strongly recommend that if you have any doubts about your mathematics or graphing skills that you take our online assessment at:
<http://www.wagner.nyu.edu/current/services/math.php>

You should acquire the following three **required books**. All are available at the NYU Professional Book Store on LaGuardia Place.

1. N. Gregory Mankiw, *Principles of Microeconomics* 4th edition. Publisher: South-Western College. Cited below as Mankiw.
2. David R. Hakes, *Study Guide to Principles of Microeconomics* 4th edition. Publisher: South-Western College. Cited below as Study Guide.
3. *Microeconomics*. Publisher: McGraw-Hill/Irwin. ISBN: 0390-730556. This is a customized reader based on a collection of chapters from Frank and Bernanke, *Principles of Economics* 3e, and Guell, *Issues in Economics Today* 3e. Cited below as FB.

Before the first class, you should complete the following:

Reading:

FB appendix to chapter 1 (p21-31 of the custom book).
Mankiw chapters 1, 2, and 3.

Practice Problems:

FB appendix to chapter 1: exercises 1A.1, 1A.2, 1A.3, 1A.4 and 1A.5.
Study Guide chapter 1: practice problem 2.
Study Guide chapter 2: practice problem 2.
Study Guide chapter 3: practice problem 2, advanced critical thinking 1 and 2.