

Sultan Qaboos University Course outline

Program:natural resource economics

Course Code		
Course Title	NREC3100 - Mathematics for Econor	nics and Business
Credits	3 CH , 12 CP, 6 ECTS	
Pre-requisite	CAMS2003	
Co-requisite		
Equivalent	NREC 4101	
Course Category	University Requirement	University Elective
	College Requirement	College Elective
	🔀 Department Requirement	Department Elective
	Specialization Requirement	Specialization Elective
	Other (specify):	
Course Owner	College: CAMS	Department:NRE
Course Type		🔀 Lecture/Lab
	Lecture/Seminar	Lecture/Studio
	Lecture/Tutorial	Lecture/Lab/Seminar
	🗌 Tutorial	Lab or Practical
	🗌 Field Work	🗌 Field Placement
	🗌 Studio	🗌 Seminar
	🗌 Internship	🗌 Workshop
	🗌 English Language Skill	🗌 Project
Language of	English	

Course Description

This course will introduce mathematical concepts and their applications on economics and business. Materials in this course will emphasize on three topics, i.e. matrices and calculus. In contemporary world, calculus and matrix are widely used to almost all branches of sciences, including business and economics. Therefore, this course is designated to provide strong mathematical foundations. This course also aims to give the students practical skills by providing tutorial classes and computer lab sessions to solve mathematical problems and demonstrates how to express basic economic theory in mathematical form.

Teaching/Learning Strategies

The course is taught using a combination of lectures and EXCEL tutorials as well as individual assignments. The goal of the course is to teach students topics in mathematics for Economics to help students familiarize real life applications that illustrate the use of mathematical concepts in economics as well as in decision making process. Therefore, During the course, students are encouraged to computer usage via EXCEL computational platforms.

Evaluation Methods

Students will be assessed against the learning outcomes by a series of assignments, a mid-term examination during the semester and an examination at the end of the semester. Academic performance will be assessed in accordance with SQU Courses and Awards Rules.

The final grades for students will be assigned on the basis of the weighted aggregate of marks obtained for each of the summative assessment items in this course.

Assessment summary

Assessment item*	Туре	Weigł	nting	Due Date			
Assignment I		5%					
Assignment II		5%					
Quiz I		5%		Not Announced			
Mid-term	Exam	15%		Specify Date			
Quiz II		5%		Not Announced			
PC-Labwork	Exam	15%		Specify Date			
Final Exam		50%	TBA				
* Contents of each t	* Contents of each test/assignment and examination will be discussed in the class. Marking						
criteria will be atta	ched to a	assignr	nent (il	Eapplicable).			

Required Course Core Material

The lecture notes, selected chapters from the following texts and additional readings (will be supplied if necessary) from other relevant sources will be sufficient for student study purposes and preparation.

Where appropriate lecture notes will be set in the e-learning module at the beginning of each lecture.

Matching Course Objectives with Program Outcomes and SQU Graduate Attributes

SQU Graduate Attributes		
SQU graduates should be able to:	SQU graduates possess	SQU graduates should
apply the knowledge and skills	interpersonal communication skills	relish good citizenship
relevant to the specialization	and alignment with culture of	qualities, conscious of
communicate effectively and use	international labour market to	their national identity
information and communication	assist them in practical life and in	and socially responsible,
technologies	living successfully	engage in community
critically analyze complex	skills and motivation for	affairs and mindful of
information and present it in	independent learning and	contemporary issues.
simple legible manner	engagement in lifelong learning	
	and research	
	work ethics and positive values,	
	and intellectual independence and	

autonomy teamwork skills and display potential leadership qualities	

#	Course Learning Objective	Relevant Program Outcome(s)	Applicable Attribute(s)
	1. Express basic economic theory in mathematical form.	Demonstrate in-depth knowledge on theory and analytical methods in natural resource economics and business	4
	2. Apply appropriate mathematical methods and techniques for solving economic problems.	The ability to identify, formulate, analyse and solve economics and business problems	4
	3. Interpret results with economic implications.	Demonstrate knowledge of contemporary issues	2

Student Responsibilities

It is the student's responsibility to know and comply with all University Academic Regulations relevant to participation in this course. These regulations specifically include attendance requirement and students` academic code of conduct.

For attendance, it is the student's responsibility to be punctual and to attend all classes. Students are expected to perform their work with honesty and avoid any academic misconduct, which is defined as the use of any dishonest or deceitful means to gain some academic advantage or benefit. This can take many forms, including but not limited to, the following: copying, plagiarism, collusion and forging documents. For full details please refer to the Undergraduate Academic Regulations and to the Student Academic Misconduct Policy.

Additionally, this course requires that you:

Attendance at all assigned class times is expected. You should take note of all announcements made in class. Should you miss a class for whatever reason try to get the missed information from a classmate. If you review the reading material and still have questions, then approach me during office hours with your specific concerns

Course INFORMATION

Course Title	
Section	
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Course		
Coordinator		
Office Location	Office Hours	
Office Tel. Ext.	Email	

Tentative Schedule

Wee k	Lecture/Topic	Material to be covered	Assignme nt/Exam	Weigh t (%)
1	Introduction to mathematics in economic theory Terminology, concepts, and tools	 Chapter 1: Mathematical Preliminaries 1. Formulate and solve problems involving percentages and currency conversion. 2. Evaluate of and transpose formulae. 3. Enter data onto Excel worksheets 4. Enter formulae in Excel to perform arithmetic operations. 5. Plot bar charts, pie charts and line graphs in Excel 		
2	The derivative and the rules of differentiation with economic application	Chapter 2: 1. Describe and illustrate graphically the properties of linear functions 2. The concept of a linear equation, illustrate graphically 3. How go about plotting graphs, defining a sensible scale for both the horizontal and vertical axis, calculating a table of points, then plotting the graph. 4. Plot a linear function by calculating, then joining the		

		 horizontal and vertical intercepts. This is particularly useful in when plotting demand, supply, cost revenue functions which are only economically meaningful for positive values of the variables. 5. Plotting and describing demand, supply, cost, revenue and profit functions. 6. Plotting and describing budget and cost constraints. Describing the effect of changes in prices and budget limits and illustrating these graphically. 		
3	The Simultaneous equations . Introductory applications on break- even, market equilibrium in the goods and labour markets; consumer and producer surplus , the effect of tax, subsidies, price controls, consumer and producer surplus.	 CHAPTER 3: SIMULTANEOUS EQUATIONS 1. Solving simultaneous linear equations. 2. Equilibrium and breakeven. 3. Consumer and producer surplus. 		
4	The Simultaneous equations . Introductory applications on break– even, market equilibrium in the goods and labour markets; consumer and producer surplus , the effect of tax, subsidies, price controls, consumer and producer surplus.	 CHAPTER 3: SIMULTANEOUS EQUATIONS 1. Solving simultaneous linear equations 2. Equilibrium and break-even 3. Consumer and producer surplus. 4. The National Income Model and the IS-LM Model. 5. Measurement and Interpretation of Elasticities 	Quiz I	5
5	The derivative and the rules of differentiation with economic application Differentiation and its applications i) marginal functions,	CHAPTER 4: The derivative and the rules of differentiation Chapter 5:		
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	application.		
		1. Slope of a curve and differentiation	
		2. Applications of	
		differentiation, marginal	
		functions, average functions	
		3. Optimization for functions	
6		of one variable	
J		4. Economic applications of	
		maximum and minimum	
		points 5. Curvature and other	
		applications	
		6. Further differentiation and	
		applications	
		7. Elasticity and the	
		derivative	
	One-variable calculus with economic	Chapter 6:	
	application.		
		1. Slope of a curve and	
		differentiation	
		2. Applications of	
		differentiation, marginal	
		functions, average functions	
		3. Optimization for functions	
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	Maximum and Minimum Points		Exam	
		1. Sketch curves		
		Find the value of output at		
		which TR is at a maximum		
		2. Find the value of output at		
		which profit (π) is at a		
		maximum		
		3. Understand the use of the		
		rule: MC = MR in profit		
		optimization		
		4. Show the profit-maximizing		
		point of a price-		
		discriminating firm		
		5. Show the profit-maximizing		
		points for a perfectly		
		competitive firm and a		
		monopoly in the goods		
		market.		
	Review of logarithms and exponents	Chapter 6		
	with economic application	1. Review indices		
		2. Relationship between		
9		indices and logs		
		3. Logs: The log of a		
		number		
		4. Rules for Logs		
	Partial Differentiation	Chapter 7:		
		1. What is partial		
10		differentiation		
10		2. How to get first order		
		partial derivatives		
		3. How to get second order		
	Sustan of linear equations 9 metric	partial derivatives		
	System of linear equations & matrix algebra with economic application	Chapter8:		
		1. Linear programming for		
		two variables.		
		2. Definition of a matrix:		
		simple arithmetic matrix		
		operations, including the		
11		inverse matrix		
		3. Definition of a determinant.		
		4. Evaluation of 2x2 and 3x3		
		determinants		
		5. Cramer's rule		
		6. Elimination methods:		
		Gaussian and Gauss-Jordan		
10	System of linear equations & matrix	Chapter 9:	Quiz II	5
12	algebra with economic application		C	

		1. Linear programming		
		2. Matrices		
		3. Solution of equations:		
		elimination methods		
		4. Determinants		
		5. The inverse matrix and		
		input/output analysis		
	System of linear equations & matrix	Chapter 9:		
	algebra with economic application	Chapter 9.		
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		elimination methods		
		4. Determinants		
		5. The inverse matrix and		
		input/output analysis		
	System of linear equations & matrix	1. Linear programming	LabExam	15
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		5. The inverse matrix and		
		input/output analysis		
15	Revision			

appendix A: Instructors of multiple sections

Section	Instructor	Day, Time, and Location	Office Location and Extension	Email	Office Hours

appendix B: ADDITIONAL INFORMATION