Economics 5360 / 6360 Industrial Organization Fall 2013

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Course Overview:

The goal of Economics 5360 is to introduce economics majors to the field of industrial organization ("I.O."). I.O. is also often referred to as "antitrust economics." Its focus is the study of various forms of competition, monopoly, and their welfare implications.

Course Objectives:

In this course you will learn the basic economic models studied in industrial organization. You will be expected to have a working understanding of Calculus. Once we have covered the basic economic models, we will study how these models are applied in antitrust and regulatory contexts by practicing economists.

Teaching and Learning Methods:

The course will use a combination of traditional lecture, active group reading and presentations, and interactive learning via Canvas.

Required Text:

No required text. The readings are posted in Canvas.

Course Requirements:

Midterm exam worth 40%; final exam worth 40%; in-class presentations worth 20%. Grading will be on a class curve.

Course Schedule:

	Lecture Topic	Group
Date		Presentations
8/27/13	Historical Basis of I.O. and Antitrust	
9/3/13	Historical Basis and Background Review	
9/10/13	Market Definition	
9/17/13	Market Definition	
9/24/13	Cartels and Price Fixing	
10/1/13	Cartels and Price Fixing	
10/8/13	Mergers	
10/15/13	Fall Break	
10/22/13	Midterm Exam	
10/29/13	Vertical Restraints	
11/5/13	Price Discrimination/Robinson-Patman	
11/12/13	Introduction to Patent Law	
11/19/13	Competition and Innovation	
11/26/13	Standard Setting Organizations & RAND Royalties	
12/3/13	Pay for Delay in Pharmaceuticals	
12/10/13	Google and Antitrust (if time)	
12/17/13	Final Exam	

Policies:

The Economics Department's policy toward unscholastic behavior is as follows: "Unscholastic behavior (e.g., excessive absences, plagiarism, disruptive behavior) may lead to expulsion from and to failure of the class."

Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Statement

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Wellness Statement

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