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COURSE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Econ 101 lab sessions are aimed at promoting students’ interest in microeconomics, by providing:

a. specific applications of economic theory to agricultural problems
b. applications of economic theory and concepts using microcomputers
c. a friendly environment for the discussion of relevant topics

COURSE FORMAT

Econ 101 labs will complement the material covered in lectures. Labs will be synchronized with the lectures given by Professor Dermot Hayes (Econ 101 Section 9). Lab sessions will focus on:

a. presenting real-world agricultural examples,
b. discussing further the major concepts presented in the lectures
c. working practice problems using microcomputer spreadsheets
d. answering and discussing questions about lecture materials and homework assignments.

ASSIGNMENTS

In most lab sessions, a homework assignment will be given out. During the lab period, students will work on the assignments with the assistance of the instructor and teaching assistants. Homework assignments will be handed in at the next laboratory session. Homework assignments not turned in by the deadline will not be accepted and therefore will receive no points.
WORLD WIDE WEB (WWW)
Relevant course materials (e.g., homework assignments and answer keys) and news will be posted on the internet at the Econ 101L Homepage (http://www.econ.iastate.edu/classes/econ101L/hallam/index_F2001.html). This should be the primary source of course information.

HELP ROOM
Students who need extra help with the material covered in class or with the homework assignments may visit with the instructor and the teaching assistant during their office hours. In addition, students may obtain help from the Economics Help Room, which is located in 301 Curtiss Hall (phone: 294-1599).

Economics Help Room Hours:
M-R 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
F 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

GRADING
There will be twelve homework assignments during the semester. The other three weeks there will be no homework assignment given in the laboratory session. Each homework assignment will be worth eight (8) points each with a bonus of 4 points if they are all turned in. Students may hand the homework assignments in early. Sloppy or illegible work will not be accepted.

For students enrolled in Econ 101 Section 9 (Prof. Hayes), lab assignments will account for 25% of the total grade in Econ 101. These students will get the same grade for Econ 101 and Econ 101L.

For students not enrolled in Econ 101 Section 9, their grade in Econ 101L will be calculated separately from their grade in Econ 101 and will be based on the homework assignments.