Advanced Microeconomics (Fall 2020) Course Outline

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Textbooks:

- "A Course in Game Theory" by Martin Osborne and Ariel Rubinstein
- "Microeconomics Theory" by Andreu Mas-Colell and Michael Whinston

Part I: General Equilibrium

- Exchange Economy and Robinson Crusoe's Economy
- Equilibrium and Welfare Properties
- Existence and Uniqueness

Part II: Strategic Games with Perfect Information

- Strategic Form Games
- Dominated Strategies, Rationalizability, and Elimination of Dominated Strategies
- Best Response and Nash Equilibrium
- Correlated Equilibrium
- Applications: Cournot's and Bertrand's Models of Oligopoly

Part III: Dynamic Games with Perfect Information

- Extensive Form Games
- Strategic Form Representation of Extensive Form Games
- Backward Induction and Subgame Perfect Nash Equilibrium
- Applications: Stackelberg's Model of Oligopoly, Bargaining, Strategic Moves and Credibility

Part IV: Repeated Games

- Finite and Infinite Games
- Trigger Strategy
- Folk Theorem
- Applications: Collusion

Part V: Static Games with Imperfect Information

- Incomplete Information
- Bayesian Games and Bayesian Equilibrium
- Applications: Cournot's with Imperfect Information, Moral Hazard and Adverse Selection

Part VI: Dynamic Games with Imperfect Information

- Beliefs and Sequential Equilibrium
- Signaling Games
- Applications: Education as Signal of Ability