

IE 5300 - 005, 006, 007
Game Theory
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MW 7:00 – 8:20 p.m.
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Description of Course Content: The essentials of game theory are covered. Topics include games include normal form, Pareto optimality, the Nash equilibrium, further solution concepts, extensive games, repeated and stochastic games, Bayesian games, and coalitional games.

Student Learning Outcomes: The student will understand the basic concepts of game theory and be able to apply them to real-world situations. These outcome will be evaluated with two in-class quizzes and a project.

Required Textbook: **Essentials of Game Theory** by Kevin Leyton-Brown and Yoav Shoham, Morgan and Claypool Publishers, 2008.

Attendance: Class attendance is required for the first two weeks of class. Afterward, attendance is not required except on days noted in the schedule. However, attendance is strongly encouraged, and permanent seats will be assigned. Students not regularly attending class average roughly a grade lower than those attending. Regardless, you are responsible for all information given in class. It will not be repeated outside class for in-class students not attending class.

Homework: Homework problems will be assigned but not graded. It is strongly suggested that students attempt these problems..

Expectations for Out-of-Class Study: Beyond the time required to attend each class meeting, students enrolled in this course should expect to spend at least an additional 5 hours per week of their own time understanding the class material. Studying for exams and the class project will require further time.

Class Courtesy: To enhance learning, the instructor insists on a quiet classroom. Silence cell phones before class and refrain from talking during class. Students who come to class late should enter the classroom as discreetly as possible. If students consistently arrive late, the classroom will be locked 10 minutes after class begins, in which case a student will not be allowed to enter. In general, students who are disruptive in class will be asked to leave.

Schedule:

- Wednesday, January 18 – overview
- Monday, January 23 – , Chapter 1: games in normal form and notation
- Wednesday, January 25 – Chapter 2: Pareto optimality and the Nash equilibrium
- Monday, January 30 – Finding Nash equilibria by hand
- Wednesday, February 1 – Berge and dual equilibria
- Monday, February 6 – Finding Berge equilibria
- Wednesday, February 8 – Finding Nash and dual equilibria by nonlinear programming
- Monday, February 13 – Discussion of class project, Chapter 3: further solution concepts
- Wednesday, February 15 – Chapter 4: sequential actions and extensive form
- Monday, February 20 – review
- Wednesday, February 22 – quiz 1
- Monday, February 27 – Chapter 5: games with imperfect information, quiz 1 returned
- Wednesday, March 1 –Chapter 6: repeated and stochastic games:
- Monday, March 6 – Chapter 7: Bayesian games
- Wednesday, March 8 – project proposal due, evolutionary 2-player games
- Monday, March 13 – spring break
- Wednesday, March 15 – spring break
- Monday, March 20– Proof of the existence of Nash equilibria
- Wednesday, March 22 – Chapter 8: coalitional (cooperative) game theory
- Monday, March 27 – coalitional games
- Wednesday, March 29 – cooperative games in normal form, scalar equilibria
- Monday, April 3 – general equilibria – a research diversion
- Wednesday, April 5 – differential games
- Monday, April 10 – differential games
- Wednesday, April 12 – no class
- Monday, April 17 – TBA- applications / MU?
- Wednesday, April 19 – TBA applications / MU?
- Monday, April 24 – presentation of class projects, ATTENDANCE REQUIRED
- Wednesday, April 26 – presentation of class projects, ATTENDANCE REQUIRED
- Monday, May 1 – presentation of class projects, ATTENDANCE REQUIRED
- Wednesday, May 5 – Student Feedback survey, review, ATTENDANCE REQUIRED
- Wednesday, May 10, 8:15 - 10:45 p.m. – quiz 2, check room online

Changes to Syllabus: The instructor reserves the right to make reasonable modifications to this syllabus as needed during the semester when circumstances arise. Students will be notified in advance of such changes both in class and by email. All students are responsible for such changes.

Student Feedback Survey: About two weeks before the end of the semester, each student will receive an email invitation to participate in this anonymous Student Feedback Survey (SFS) reflecting the student's experience in this course.

Description of Major Assignments and Examinations:

1. There will be two in-class quizzes on the dates as noted in the schedule above. They will be open-book and open-note. The problems on each exam will be equally weighted even though some may be easier or harder than others. Exam grades are NOT curved.
2. A project, report, and presentation are required of each student. The project could be an extension of existing research that a student is doing or a topic suggested by me, such as fair division. More likely, it would be on an application of game theory in business, biology, the military, politics, or even sports. Software to check for plagiarism will be used. Any plagiarism will be considered academic dishonesty.

Make-up Exams: Make-up exams will NOT be given unless an illness or emergency is thoroughly documented. Whenever, possible, you should contact the instructor before the exam in such cases. A missed final exam will result in an F in the course unless (i) the instructor is contacted and (ii) the illness or emergency is documented by Thursday of finals week.

Exam Protocol:

1. The test is open book and open note.
2. Your cell phone and computer must be placed in the front of room front of the room. It is suggested that you not bring them.
3. You must sit in the seat on the seating chart shown on the door and at the front of the room. No exceptions. This seat will differ from your permanent class seat.
4. Arrive EARLY to find your assigned seat. Anyone arriving late will not receive extra time.
5. Talking to anyone during the test or having a cell phone on your person during the test is defined to be cheating in this class.
6. The instructor will quickly go over the test at the beginning of the period. No questions will be answered for anyone about the test while you are taking it.
7. Students are not permitted to leave the room during the exam. Suspicious activity will be noted on the seating chart. The University of Texas System has approved videotaping a test. This will be done if possible.
8. The exams will ONLY be given back and explained during the next period. They will not be given back at any other time. Class attendance is compulsory on that day.

Exam Grading Complaints: If you disagree with your grade on any test problem when the exam is returned, you must submit after that class a written statement on the back of the returned exam that clearly explains the reason you wish the problem to be regraded. Remember that only what you systematically wrote on the exam paper while taking it can be considered in grading a problem – not what you meant or claim to know. Moreover, answers that are submitted without supporting written work will receive NO credit. If a test is submitted for regrading, the entire test will be regraded.

Course Grade:

- Grading: A = 90 - 100, B = 80 - 89, C = 70 - 79, D = 60 - 69, F = 0 - 59.
- The three examinations will be equally weighted as 1/3 of your grade.
- Grades are not curved.
- No extra work will be given to improve a grade.
- No quiz can be retaken to improve a grade.
- There will be no negotiation of grades

Online Education Policy:

- Information about distance learning may be found at <http://www.uta.edu/engineering/future-students/engineering-online/current-students.php>.
- Online students are required to communicate with the faculty before the second class period and let the instructor know that you are viewing the lectures.
- For any problems viewing ClassRev (Echo360) recordings, contact classroomsupport@uta.edu, not the instructor.
- Online students living in the DFW area will be required to take all exams in class during the designated exam period.
- Online students living outside the DFW area must set up a proctor as noted at <http://www.uta.edu/engineering/future-students/engineering-online/proctor-information.php>. It is the responsibility of the student, not the instructor, to do this as soon as possible.

Drop Policy: Students may drop or swap (adding and dropping a class concurrently) classes through self-service in MyMav from the beginning of the registration period through the late registration period. After the late registration period, students must see their academic advisor to drop a class or withdraw. Undeclared students must see an advisor in the University Advising Center. Drops can continue through a point two-thirds of the way through the term or session. It is the student's responsibility to withdraw officially if they do not plan to attend after registering. Students will not be automatically dropped for non-attendance. Repayment of certain types of financial aid administered through the University may be required as the result of dropping classes or withdrawing. For more information, contact the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships (<http://www.uta.edu/aaofaof/>).

Electronic Communication: UT Arlington has adopted MavMail as its official means to communicate with students about important deadlines and events, as well as to transact university-related business regarding financial aid, tuition, grades, graduation, etc. All students are assigned a MavMail account and are responsible for checking the inbox regularly. There is no additional charge to students for using this account, which remains active even after graduation. Information about activating and using MavMail is available at <http://www.uta.edu/oit/cs/email/mavmail.php>.

Disability Accommodations: UT Arlington is on record as being committed to both the spirit and letter of all federal equal opportunity legislation, including The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), The Americans with Disabilities Amendments Act (ADAAA), and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act. All instructors at UT Arlington are required by law to provide “reasonable accommodations” to students with disabilities, so as not to discriminate on the basis of disability. Students are responsible for providing the instructor with official notification in the form of a letter certified by the Office for Students with Disabilities (OSD). Only those students who have officially documented a need for an accommodation will have their request honored. Students experiencing a range of conditions (Physical, Learning, Chronic Health, Mental Health, and Sensory) that may cause diminished academic performance or other barriers to learning may seek services and/or accommodations by contacting: The Office for Students with Disabilities, (OSD) www.uta.edu/disability or calling 817-272-3364. Information regarding diagnostic criteria and policies for obtaining disability-based academic accommodations can be found at www.uta.edu/disability.

Non-Discrimination Policy: The University of Texas at Arlington does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, age, gender, sexual orientation, disabilities, genetic information, and/or veteran status in its educational programs or activities it operates. For more information, visit uta.edu/eos.

Title IX Policy: The University of Texas at Arlington (“University”) is committed to maintaining a learning and working environment that is free from discrimination based on sex in accordance with Title IX of the Higher Education Amendments of 1972 (Title IX), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex in educational programs or activities; Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (Title VII), which prohibits sex discrimination in employment; and the Campus Sexual Violence Elimination Act (SaVE Act). Sexual misconduct is a form of sex discrimination and will not be tolerated. For information regarding Title IX, visit www.uta.edu/titleIX or contact Ms. Jean Hood, Vice President and Title IX Coordinator at (817) 272-7091 or jmhood@uta.edu.

Academic Integrity: Students enrolled all UT Arlington courses are expected to adhere to the UT Arlington Honor Code:

I pledge, on my honor, to uphold UT Arlington’s tradition of academic integrity, a tradition that values hard work and honest effort in the pursuit of academic excellence.

I promise that I will submit only work that I personally create or contribute to group collaborations, and I will appropriately reference any work from other sources. I will follow the highest standards of integrity and uphold the spirit of the Honor Code.

UT Arlington faculty members may employ the Honor Code in their courses by having students acknowledge the honor code as part of an examination or requiring students to incorporate the honor code into any work submitted. Per UT System *Regents’ Rule* 50101, §2.2, suspected violations of university’s standards for academic integrity (including the Honor Code) will be referred to the Office of Student Conduct. Violators will be disciplined in accordance with University policy, which may result in the student’s suspension or expulsion from the University. Additional information is available at <https://www.uta.edu/conduct/>.

Student Support Services: UT Arlington provides a variety of resources and programs designed to help students develop academic skills, deal with personal situations, and better understand concepts and information related to their courses. Resources include [tutoring](#), [major-based learning centers](#), developmental education, [advising and mentoring](#), personal counseling, and [federally funded programs](#).

For individualized referrals, students may visit the reception desk at University College (Ransom Hall), call the Maverick Resource Hotline at 817-272-6107, send a message to resources@uta.edu, or view the information at <http://www.uta.edu/universitycollege/resources/index.php>.

Campus Carry: Effective August 1, 2016, the Campus Carry law (Senate Bill 11) allows those licensed individuals to carry a concealed handgun in buildings on public university campuses, except in locations the University establishes as prohibited. Under the new law, openly carrying handguns is not allowed on college campuses. For more information, visit <http://www.uta.edu/news/info/campus-carry/>

Student Feedback Survey: At the end of each term, students enrolled in classes categorized as lecture, seminar, or laboratory shall be directed to complete a Student Feedback Survey (SFS). Instructions on how to access the SFS for this course will be sent directly to each student through MavMail approximately 10 days before the end of the term. Each student's feedback enters the SFS database anonymously and is aggregated with that of other students enrolled in the course. UT Arlington's effort to solicit, gather, tabulate, and publish student feedback is required by state law; students are strongly urged to participate. For more information, visit <http://www.uta.edu/sfs>.

Final Review Week: A period of five class days prior to the first day of final examinations in the long sessions shall be designated as Final Review Week. The purpose of this week is to allow students sufficient time to prepare for final examinations. During this week, there shall be no scheduled activities such as required field trips or performances; and no instructor shall assign any themes, research problems or exercises of similar scope that have a completion date during or following this week *unless specified in the class syllabus*. During Final Review Week, an instructor shall not give any examinations constituting 10% or more of the final grade, except makeup tests and laboratory examinations. In addition, no instructor shall give any portion of the final examination during Final Review Week. During this week, classes are held as scheduled. In addition, instructors are not required to limit content to topics that have been previously covered; they may introduce new concepts as appropriate.

Emergency Exit Procedures: Should we experience an emergency event that requires us to vacate the building, students should exit the room and move toward the nearest exits, which are located on the first floor down the stairs at the either end of the hallway. When exiting the building during an emergency, one should never take an elevator but should use the stairwells. Faculty members and instructional staff will assist students in selecting the safest route for evacuation and will make arrangements to assist handicapped individuals.

Inclement Weather Policy: If the University is closed, this class will not meet. Any scheduled assignments or examinations will be rescheduled to the next class period that the class meets. You can get information by dialing 972-601-2049 or checking the main website at www.uta.edu.