

## 316-330 Organisations, Economics and Incentives

<b>Credit Points:</b>	12.50
<b>Level:</b>	3 (Undergraduate)
<b>Dates &amp; Locations:</b>	2009, This subject commences in the following study period/s: Semester 2, - Taught on campus.
<b>Time Commitment:</b>	Contact Hours: Two 1-hour lectures and a 1-hour tutorial per week Total Time Commitment: Not available
<b>Prerequisites:</b>	<b><u>316-202 Intermediate Microeconomics</u></b> ( <a href="/view/2009/316-202">/view/2009/316-202</a> ) .
<b>Corequisites:</b>	None
<b>Recommended Background Knowledge:</b>	None
<b>Non Allowed Subjects:</b>	None
<b>Core Participation Requirements:</b>	<p>&lt;p&gt;For the purposes of considering request for Reasonable Adjustments under the Disability Standards for Education (Cwth 2005), and Student Support and Engagement Policy, academic requirements for this subject are articulated in the Subject Overview, Learning Outcomes, Assessment and Generic Skills sections of this entry.&lt;/p&gt;         &lt;p&gt;It is University policy to take all reasonable steps to minimise the impact of disability upon academic study, and reasonable adjustments will be made to enhance a student's participation in the University's programs. Students who feel their disability may impact on meeting the requirements of this subject are encouraged to discuss this matter with a Faculty Student Adviser and Student Equity and Disability Support: &lt;a href="http://services.unimelb.edu.au/disability"&gt;http://services.unimelb.edu.au/disability&lt;/a&gt;&lt;/p&gt;</p>
<b>Coordinator:</b>	Dr Nikos Nikiforakis
<b>Subject Overview:</b>	This subject is concerned with the economics of asymmetric information, when agents may have private knowledge, take hidden actions, and attempt to manipulate the knowledge, information and incentives of others. Using game theory and information economics it will cover the main techniques and results of principal-agent theory and contract theory. It will introduce students to the principles of economic design in asymmetric information environments. These tools will be applied to a variety of topics and case studies, performance incentives, regulation, government procurement, structure of insurance markets, monopoly behaviour, agricultural contracts and share cropping.
<b>Objectives:</b>	.
<b>Assessment:</b>	A 2-hour end-of-semester exam (80%) and assignments totalling not more than 2000 words (20%).
<b>Prescribed Texts:</b>	None
<b>Recommended Texts:</b>	Information Not Available
<b>Breadth Options:</b>	<p>This subject potentially can be taken as a breadth subject component for the following courses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li># <b>Bachelor of Arts</b> (<a href="https://handbook.unimelb.edu.au/view/2009/D09">https://handbook.unimelb.edu.au/view/2009/D09</a>)</li> <li># <b>Bachelor of Biomedicine</b> (<a href="https://handbook.unimelb.edu.au/view/2009/J07">https://handbook.unimelb.edu.au/view/2009/J07</a>)</li> <li># <b>Bachelor of Environments</b> (<a href="https://handbook.unimelb.edu.au/view/2009/A04">https://handbook.unimelb.edu.au/view/2009/A04</a>)</li> <li># <b>Bachelor of Music</b> (<a href="https://handbook.unimelb.edu.au/view/2009/M05">https://handbook.unimelb.edu.au/view/2009/M05</a>)</li> <li># <b>Bachelor of Science</b> (<a href="https://handbook.unimelb.edu.au/view/2009/R01">https://handbook.unimelb.edu.au/view/2009/R01</a>)</li> <li># <b>Bachelor of Engineering</b> (<a href="https://handbook.unimelb.edu.au/view/2009/355-AA">https://handbook.unimelb.edu.au/view/2009/355-AA</a>)</li> </ul>

	You should visit <b>learn more about breadth subjects</b> ( <a href="http://breadth.unimelb.edu.au/breadth/info/index.html">http://breadth.unimelb.edu.au/breadth/info/index.html</a> ) and read the breadth requirements for your degree, and should discuss your choice with your student adviser, before deciding on your subjects.
<b>Fees Information:</b>	Subject EFTSL, Level, Discipline & Census Date, <a href="http://enrolment.unimelb.edu.au/fees">http://enrolment.unimelb.edu.au/fees</a>
<b>Generic Skills:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li># High level of development: problem solving.</li><li># Moderate level of development: application of theory to practice; interpretation and analysis; critical thinking; evaluation of data and other information.</li><li># Some level of development: statistical reasoning; receptiveness to alternative ideas.</li></ul>
<b>Related Majors/Minors/ Specialisations:</b>	Economics Major