Course Information
Industrial Economics I - ECON 3001

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<td>Units of Credit</td>
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<td>Course Lecturer</td>
<td>Dr. Anne-Marie Mohammed</td>
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<td>Office Hours</td>
<td>Wednesday: 9:00-10:00 a.m.</td>
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Course Description

ECON 3001 - *Industrial Economics I*, is one of the elective courses offered by the *Department of Economics*. It is a level III applied micro economics course that the Department offers as it seeks to further support students in their quest to understand and indeed to excel.

The course components will expose the students along three main paths:

1. The basics of Industrial Organization
2. Modern Industrial Organization: Game Theory

Please feel free to consult with me during the semester as any course problems/issues arise. *Students are also encouraged to visit me during office hours (Mondays: 4:00-5:00 p.m. and Thursdays: 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.) to discuss various issues and concerns.* Alternatively, the secretariat in the Economics Department Office (Room 203) will be pleased to arrange a special appointment if necessary.

Goals

This course aims to teach students how:

1. to apply the various tools and methods of micro and macro economic theory that was taught to them at Levels I and II to the industry.

2. to place the industrial economics taught in the Caribbean context.
Learning Objectives

Upon completion of this course students will be able to demonstrate the ability to gain an insight into firm behavior and public policy issues such as anti-trust, regulations, regulatory reform and game theory. Exposure to the theory and empirical work in industrial organization will give them an appreciation of the importance of case studies in expanding their knowledge of the field. Specifically, at the end of the course students will be able to:

- Distinguish between different categories of economic organizations and examine their strategic behaviour and business practices;
- Examine and analyse the use of Game theory in current firm behaviour/practice; and
- Develop a plan for solving a given problem in an industry using the relevant theories taught.

Course Delivery

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<th>Course Outline</th>
<th>Please download a copy of the course outline by logging onto the Departmental website at: <a href="http://sta.uwi.edu/fss/economics/AcademicYear2010-11.asp">http://sta.uwi.edu/fss/economics/AcademicYear2010-11.asp</a></th>
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<tr>
<td>Teaching Methodology</td>
<td>Two (2) hours Lecture Sessions weekly (Using Power Point Slide Presentations). Lecture sessions will involve student participation this means that there will be open discussions (answer and question) and in-class group work in certain topics.</td>
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<td>Tutorials</td>
<td>One (1) hour Tutorial Session weekly.</td>
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Attendance at your chosen tutorial session is mandatory.

**Faculty regulations allow for the Course Lecturer to debar from the Final Examination students who do not attend at least 75% of tutorial classes. The Course Lecturers and tutors will be monitoring and subsequently enforcing this regulation.**

Policies to Note

Students are being reminded of the following University Regulations:

Examination Regulations for First Degrees, Associate Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates including GPA Regulations:

**General Examination Regulation**

19. *Any candidate who has been absent from the University for a prolonged period during the teaching of a particular course for any reason other than illness or whose attendance at prescribed lectures, classes, practical classes, tutorials, or clinical instructions has been unsatisfactory or who has failed to submit*
essays or other exercises set by his/her teachers, may be debarred by the relevant Academic Board, on the recommendation of the relevant Faculty Board, from taking any University examinations. The procedures to be used shall be prescribed in Faculty Regulations.

Cheating

97. (i) Cheating shall constitute a major offence under these regulations.

(ii) Cheating is any attempt to benefit one’s self or another by deceit or fraud.

(iii) Plagiarism is a form of cheating

(iv) Plagiarism is the unauthorized and/or unacknowledged use of another person’s intellectual effort and creations howsoever recorded, including whether formally published or in manuscript or in typescript or other printed or electronically presented form and includes taking passages, ideas or structures from another work or author without proper and unequivocal attribution of such source(s), using the conventions for attributions or citing used in this University.

103. (i) If any candidate is suspected of cheating, or attempting to cheat, the circumstances shall be reported in writing to the Campus Registrar. The Campus Registrar shall refer the matter to the Chairman of the Campus Committee on Examinations. If the Chairman so decides, the Committee shall invite the candidate for an interview and shall conduct an investigation. If the candidate is found guilty of cheating or attempting to cheat, the Committee shall disqualify the candidate from the examination in the course concerned, and may also disqualify him/her from all examinations taken in that examination session; and may also disqualify him/her from all further examinations of the University, for any period of time, and may impose a fine not exceeding Bds$300.00 or J$5000.00 or TT$900.00 or US$150.00 (according to campus). If the candidate fails to attend and does not offer a satisfactory excuse prior to the hearing, the Committee may hear the case in the candidate’s absence.

Student Participation in planned Departmental activities for 2013/2014

1. Attendance at the Post National Budget Forum 2013, students are advised to check the Departmental Website (http://sta.uwi.edu/fss/economics/index.asp) after the presentation of the National Budget for 2013/14 in the Parliament.

2. Attendance at the Conference on the Economy (COTE2012) on October 11 – 12, 2013, students must register for attendance with the Economics Student Union (ESU) or the Department of Economics.
Schedule of assessments

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<td>Project</td>
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<td>Final 2 hour Exam</td>
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Course Units, Description and Recommended Readings

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<th>Unit Number</th>
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<td>Introduction</td>
<td>Welcome and Orientation (Introduces the student to the course)</td>
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<td>Unit 1</td>
<td><strong>INTRODUCTION TO INDUSTRIAL ORGANIZATION:</strong></td>
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<td>- The Modern Corporation – Organization and Governance</td>
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<td>- Industrial Organization – A Historical Perspective</td>
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<td>- Theoretical Approaches – An Introduction</td>
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<td>- An overview of the world today and the development of industry and productive development policies/industrial policies</td>
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<td>- Caribbean Industrial Organization – A Profile</td>
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**Recommended Readings:**


Business Week, August 22/29 Special Double Issue on India and China

Anne-Marie Mohammed, Sandra Sookram and Ramiro Moya “Productive Development Policies in Trinidad and Tobago: A Critical Review” *IDB Working Papers Series No. IDB-WP-115*

At the end of this topic the student will be able to explain the origins of Industrial Organization from inception to present day. They will also be able to locate the theory of industrial organization to the Caribbean scenario.

Unit 2

**INDUSTRIAL ORGANIZATION – KEY ISSUES AND THE TRADITIONAL THEORY**
### Unit 3

**INDUSTRIAL ORGANIZATION – FIRM CONDUCT AND THE INTERACTION OF FIRMS**

- Oligopoly Theory and Modern Game Theory
- Coordination, Alliances, Collusion and Cartel Theory
- Product Differentiation
- Pricing
- Patents, Licensing and the use of Technology

**Recommended Readings:**

Don Waldman and Elizabeth Jensen, *Industrial Organization* 3rd Ed., Chapters: 6-12; 14;13
Eric Rasmussen, *Games and Information*, 3rd ed. Chapters: 1-4
Michael Marn Eric Roegner, Craig Zawada, *The Price Advantage*, Chapters: 2, 6, 12-13

At the end of this topic the student will be able to question why firms behave the way they do and explain how they are able to do so utilizing the various theories introduced.

### Unit 4

**BUSINESS STRATEGY AND THE DYNAMICS OF INDUSTRIAL ORGANIZATION**

- Economic Theory and Business Strategy
- Competitive Advantage
- Technology and the Business System
- The impact of the Internet and e-commerce

**Recommended Readings:**

G. Day and D. Reibstein, *Wharton on Dynamic Competitive Strategy*, Chapters: 1,5,6,10
Trevor Farrell “How Market Leaders lose their positions – Seven Lessons of Experience” mimeo, 2002
At the end of the topic the student will be able to appraise the dynamics of business strategy and its impact both in the North Atlantic and in the Caribbean.

### Unit 5
**MERGERS, ACQUISITIONS AND INTER-CORPORATE LINKAGES**

- Mergers and Acquisitions
- Joint Ventures
- Strategic Alliances and
- Other Inter-corporate Linkages – An Introduction

**Recommended Readings:**

P. Gaughan, *Mergers, Acquisitions and Corporate Restructurings*, Chapters: 1, 4, 10

At the end of this topic the student will be able to evaluate if there is a need for mergers and acquisitions. Also the student will be able to explain about inter-corporate linkages.

### Unit 6
**PUBLIC POLICY AND REGULATORY ISSUES – AN INTRODUCTION**

- Regulation
- De-Regulation
- Regulatory Reforms

**Recommended Readings:**


At the end of this topic the student will be able to compare and contrast the issues surrounding regulation and de-regulation. The student will also be able to justify the need for regulatory reform particularly it pertains to Caribbean countries.

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September 2013  
Dr. Anne-Marie Mohammed  
Department of Economics