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Course Code	Course Name	Semester	Theory	Practice	Lab	Credit	ECTS
EC 501	Microeconomics	1	3	0	0	3	6

Prerequisites	
Admission Requirements	

Language of Instruction	Turkish
Course Type	Compulsory
Course Level	Masters Degree
Objective	This course aims to provide a theoretical background that can be useful for microeconomic analysis of financial markets. First, the course starts with an introduction to strategic decision making and then follows with the analysis of decision making under uncertainty and the role of information in the markets are examined.
Content	The course extends the individual decision-making problem studied in undergraduate economics using two dimensions: the behaviour in strategic interactions, then under uncertainty and asymmetric information.
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Theory Topics

Week	Weekly Contents
1	Introduction to game theory and examples
2	Dominance and rationalizability: examples
3	Nash equilibrium: examples and comparison
4	Uncertainty-Expected utility theory: examples and axioms

Week	Weekly Contents
5	Insurance demand: equilibrium in the insurance market
6	Insurance market mechanisms
7	Midterm
8	Asymmetric information: adverse selection
9	Asymmetry information: signalling
10	Education: human capital model and signalling model
11	Network externalities
12	Competition and market structures
13	Presentation