Welcome one and all to another exiting year of college and in particular to my principles microecon course. To some this is your first time. Yahoo, you’re in college! Dig it, you’re first hippie professor! To others, welcome back. You already know how rad Boulder is and we’ll probably get along just fine. And to the last distinguished group, the seniors, a special welcome; your collegiate wisdom and attendance will be appreciated.

This is my way of minor introduction, so please bear with me. Economics is the study of choice. We shall study in depth what drives humans’ decisions, what are their incentives, what are their objectives and how those choices are made. In short it is the cold hearted, amoral, selfishly oriented study of human nature. You want things. What those things are, whether we’re talking sex, drugs, friendship, love, money, power, or higher learning is irrelevant. You want things. We want to know why you want them, how badly you want them and how are you going to get them. If I know your objective and I know your means, then I can predict your behavior. Viola, economics!

But enough of that. There is plenty of time. Here’s the scoop on how things work. The textbook, the home work, my T/A’s and I are all here as resources for you to learn micro. How you use those resources is your business. Come to class, don’t come to class, you are all big girls and boys and I ain’t your mother. The lectures as well as the tests are out of the book. But I strongly suggest you come to class to get what I think is important. Don’t forget, I write your exams. It breaks down like this:

midterm 1 = 25%
midterm 2 = 25%
final (cumulative) = 40% or 50%
recitation (optional) = 10%

Anyway, that’s the story. You can reach me during office hours or at the number above. Call anytime, I stay up real late. In case you’re interested, there are only three things, besides the obvious of course, that I enjoy more than economics. They are snowboarding, mountain biking, and camping. Snowboarding rules! I invite anyone to join me on the mountain this winter. I like skiers too, just try to keep up. I challenge anyone to beat me on a mountain bike. If you can, I’ll buy you drink or whatever else you are into. Camping is for my head, I do that alone.

Well, that’s that. I’m stoked to teach you folks. I hope that that you are stoked to learn. College is grand, even the parts that suck...