

Principles of Microeconomics

ECON 2010 – 020

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MWF 2:00-2:50 HALE 270

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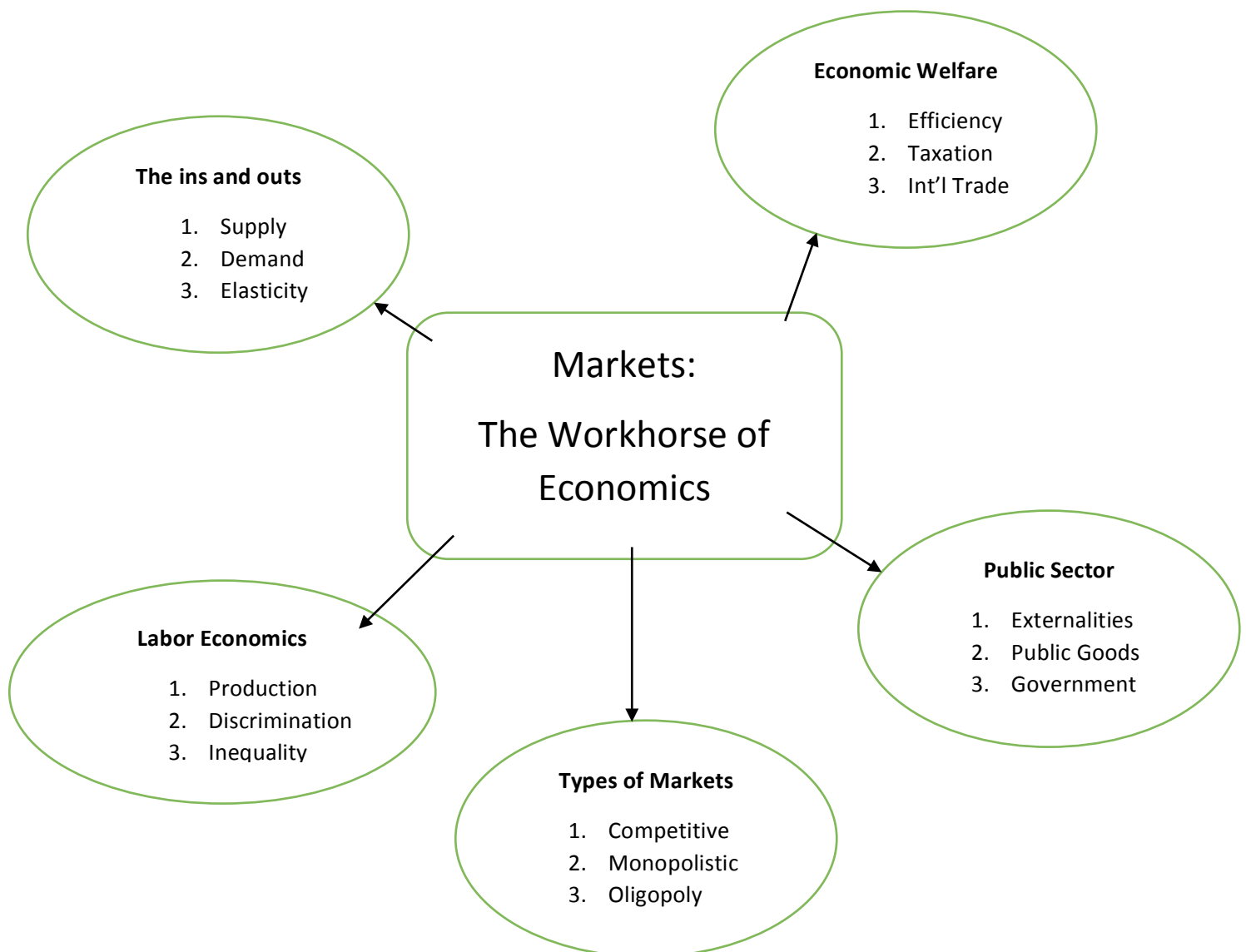
Office Hours: Wednesday 3:00-4:00PM, Thursday 1:00-2:00PM and by appointment.

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Required Text: N. Gregory Mankiw. *Principles of Microeconomics: 7th Edition*

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What will we learn? A graphic course outline:



How many of the above words are unfamiliar in an economic sense? By the end of the course you will learn about all of these concepts (and much more!). We will cover roughly chapters 1-20 in the text.

Course Description: Economics is the study of how people respond to incentives. This involves decision making and an analysis of costs and benefits. Economists are concerned with individuals, firms, governments, and any other agent that takes part in a market. Economics is a relative young and growing field that has application in many disciplines. This course will provide an introduction to economics and help you start to see the world through an economist's lens.

Grading scale:

Grade	Percentage	Grade	Percentage
A	93-100	C	73-76
A-	90-92	C-	70-72
B+	87-89	D+	67-69
B	83-86	D	63-66
B-	80-82	D-	60-62
C+	77-79	F	0-59

Grade Breakdown: This class has many different grading components. The real world labor market rewards both knowledge and effort. This class is structured so that if you put in effort but struggle from time to time you can still do well. Exams only make up 65% of your grade, so there are plenty of opportunities to make up points!

Grade Item	Percentage
Clickers	10%
Sapling Homework	10%
Recitation	15%
Midterm 1	20%
Midterm 2	20%
Midterm 3	20%
Final	25%

The Final course grades will be rounded using a ceiling function to the next highest percentile. So if your final class percentage is 82.01%, it will be bumped to 83%, while 82.00% will stay at 82%. This is designed to help you and make sure no student misses a letter grade by a quarter point. You may notice that the above adds to 120%. This is because your lowest midterm will be dropped. Because of this, there are no makeup exams.

Makeup Policy: Every grade component in this class has built-in drops. Therefore, there are no makeups! If a disaster of biblical proportions, Old Testament, real wrath of God type stuff, fire and brimstone coming down from the skies, rivers and seas boiling, 40 years of darkness, earthquakes, volcanos, the dead rising from the grave, human sacrifice, dogs and cats living together occurs, there will still be no makeups. This means that doctor's appointments, family reunions, and events beyond your control will not be accommodated. Please don't ask! Economics often examines costs and benefits; please do so when deciding to double book. If events beyond control results in a missed assignment, that will count as a drop.

Clickers: In addition to the Sapling homework, this course uses iclickers. You need to buy and register your clicker immediately. Register here: <http://www.colorado.edu/oit/tutorial/cuclickers-iclicker-remote-registration>. You will receive two points for every clicker question you attempt and one point for a correct answer. You may work with students around you, but you may not bring another student's clicker to class and use that. If you are caught once, you will lose 10% of all clicker points and reported to the Honor Code. If you are caught twice, your clicker score will be a zero. Your grade will be out of 90% of all clicker points so there are no dropped days if you must miss class.

Homework: Homework will be assigned through Sapling learning. There will generally be an assignment every week. Your lowest two homework scores will be dropped. To register for Sapling, go to <http://bit.ly/saplinginstructions>. Feel free to work with other students on the Sapling home works, but keep in mind every student must submit each assignment.

Recitation: Recitation begins the second week of class. Grades for recitation will be explained by your TA. It is important that you attend recitation so you have a chance to re-hash material and ask questions. Make sure to utilize your TA's office hours if you need help. TAs are there for you!

Exams: Exams are tentatively scheduled on the following dates. The lowest midterm grade will be dropped.

Exam	Date
Midterm 1	Friday, September 25 th in class
Midterm 2	Friday, October 30 th in class
Midterm 3	Friday, December 4 th in class
Final (cumulative)	Sunday, December 13 th 4:30PM-7:00PM

Laptops, Tablets, Cell Phones, Pagers and Abacuses: Please leave your phones on silent during class. All PowerPoints will be posted on D2L before class meetings. If you wish to use your laptop during class you must sit in the first 2 rows of the classroom. If it becomes evident that you are using your laptop for Minecraft, Steep & Cheep, or trying to beat your highest 2048 score laptop privileges will be revoked.

Calculators: Only non-graphing calculators and fingers/toes are allowed during exams. You may not use cell phones, computers, graphing calculators, or another student's calculator.

Email Policy: Do not email me questions that can be found in the syllabus. For other queries, such as setting up an appointment or why the Cubs are better than the White Sox I will try to respond within 24 hours. I may respond to the entire class if the email is relevant.

Fine Print:

Students with Disabilities

If you qualify for accommodations because of a disability, please submit to me a letter from Disability Services in a timely manner so that your needs be addressed. Disability Services determines accommodations based on documented disabilities. Contact: 303-492-8671, Center for Community N200, and <http://www.Colorado.EDU/disabilityservices>.

If you have a temporary medical condition or injury, see guidelines at <http://www.colorado.edu/disabilityservices/go.cgi?select=temporary.html>.

Disability Services' letters for students with disabilities indicate legally mandated reasonable accommodations. The syllabus statements and answers to Frequently Asked Questions can be found at <http://www.colorado.edu/disabilityservices>.

Religious Observance Policy

Campus policy regarding religious observances requires that faculty make every effort to deal reasonably and fairly with all students who, because of religious obligations, have conflicts with scheduled exams, assignments or required attendance. If you have a conflict, please contact me at the beginning of the term so that we can make proper arrangements. See full details at http://www.colorado.edu/policies/fac_relig.html.

Classroom Behavior Policy

Students and faculty each have responsibility for maintaining an appropriate learning environment. Those who fail to adhere to such behavioral standards may be subject to discipline. Professional courtesy and sensitivity are especially important with respect to individuals and topics dealing with differences of race, color, culture, religion, creed, politics, veteran's status, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, and gender expression, age, disability, and nationalities.

See policies at <http://www.colorado.edu/policies/classbehavior.html> and at http://www.colorado.edu/studentaffairs/judicialaffairs/code.html#student_code.

Discrimination and Harassment Policy

The University of Colorado at Boulder Discrimination and Harassment Policy and Procedures, the University of Colorado Sexual Harassment Policy and Procedures, and the University of Colorado Conflict of Interest in Cases of Amorous Relationships Policy apply to all students, staff, and faculty. Any student, staff, or faculty member who believes s/he has been the subject of sexual harassment or discrimination or harassment based upon race, color, national origin, sex, pregnancy, age, disability, creed, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression or veteran status should contact the Office of Discrimination and Harassment (ODH) at 303-492-2127, or the Office of Student Conduct (OSC) at 303-492-5550. Information about the ODH, the above referenced policies, and the campus resources available to assist individuals regarding discrimination or harassment can be obtained at <http://www.colorado.edu/odh>.

Honor Code

All students of the University of Colorado at Boulder are responsible for knowing and adhering to the academic integrity policy of this institution. Violations of this policy may include: cheating, plagiarism, aid of academic dishonesty, fabrication, lying, bribery, and threatening behavior. All incidents of academic misconduct shall be reported to the Honor Code Council (honor@colorado.edu; 303-735-2273). Students who are found to be in violation of the academic integrity policy will be subject to both academic sanctions from the faculty member and non-academic sanctions (including but not limited to university probation, suspension, or expulsion). Other information on the Honor Code can be found at <http://www.colorado.edu/policies/honor.html> and at <http://www.colorado.edu/academics/honorcode/>.