

# Syllabus

## Principles of Microeconomics

### Econ 2010-050

### Fall 2016

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## Grading

3 midterms, 20% each (drop lowest)

Final exam, 20%

11 Homework assignments, 15% total (drop lowest)

Clickers, 15%

Recitation, 10%

I will drop the lowest homework assignment and the lowest midterm. After that, I will also curve the median grade up to an 82 after the final. There will be no adjustments to individual grades.

Letter grades:

A	93-100	C	73-76.9
A-	90-92.9	C-	70-72.9
B+	87-89.9	D+	67-69.9
B	83-86.9	D	63-66.9
B-	80-82.9	D-	60-62.9
C+	77-79.9	F	0-59.9

## Exams

The three midterm dates are listed on the schedule below. Midterms will focus on the most recent material, but some concepts are necessarily cumulative. The final will be cumulative. The date of the final exam can be found on MyCUInfo. There will be no makeup exams.

## Homework

Homework assignments are found in the quiz section of D2L. They will be around 10 questions each, and they will not be timed. They will be due most Fridays, always at 2pm. Homework assignments will be posted about a week before they are due. Fridays highlighted in green on the lesson plan are homework due dates.

You may work in groups of up to 3, but you are not allowed to ask for direct help from tutors, the TAs, or me. Tutoring is fine as long as tutors do not directly help complete assignments.

There will be no makeup assignments.

## Clickers

You are required to bring your clicker to every class. We will have clicker polls as well as clicker quizzes. The polls will just be used for attendance, while the quizzes are an opportunity for a few bonus points to make up for days you miss.

Around each midterm, I will update your clicker grades on D2L. You will have one week to make sure that your attendance is properly counted. After that week is up, no changes will be made to your clicker grade. If you feel as though you did not receive credit due to a clicker malfunction, you may come to my office hours with written class notes that prove you were in attendance.

It is your responsibility to make sure your clicker is working.

## Recitation

On MyCUInfo, you can find your assigned recitation section. Your recitation grade depends on participation, not attendance. Recitations are designed to facilitate communication and practice with the class concepts. Your TA will answer questions and lead the class working through practice problems from the study guides we make each week.

## Class Policies

- 1) No textbook is required, but I recommend Mankiw's *Principles of Microeconomics* version 5, 6, or 7. I encourage the use of other sources to enhance your understanding of this material.
  - a. Khan Academy, Youtube, Wikipedia, other university lecture slides, and other books are all useful for studying
- 2) My lectures and lecture slides are the "official version" of the material for testing purposes
- 3) Bring your student ID to each exam
- 4) Laptops are only permitted in the back of the classroom, and only for note taking
- 5) No headphones at any time
- 6) If you are caught using someone else's clicker for them, you will both get a zero for your clicker grade
- 7) If you are caught cheating in any way on a test, you will receive an automatic zero on the test and an Honor Council referral.

## Lesson Plan

Monday	8/22/16	Syllabus day	Monday	10/17/16	Fixing Market Failures
Wednesday	8/24/16	Overview of Economics	Wednesday	10/19/16	Review
Friday	8/26/16	Gains from Trade	Friday	10/21/16	MIDTERM 2
Monday	8/29/16	Comparative Advantage	Monday	10/24/16	Firm Production
Wednesday	8/31/16	Markets and Money	Wednesday	10/26/16	Firm Production 2
Friday	9/2/16	Supply and Demand	Friday	10/28/16	Perfect Competition
Monday	9/5/16	LABOR DAY	Monday	10/31/16	Monopoly
Wednesday	9/7/16	Demand	Wednesday	11/2/16	Monopoly 2
Friday	9/9/16	Supply	Friday	11/4/16	Monopolistic Competition
Monday	9/12/16	Market Equilibrium	Monday	11/7/16	Oligopoly/Game Theory
Wednesday	9/14/16	Government	Wednesday	11/9/16	Oligopoly/Game Theory
Friday	9/16/16	Price Controls	Friday	11/11/16	TBD
Monday	9/19/16	TBD	Monday	11/14/16	Review
Wednesday	9/21/16	Review	Wednesday	11/16/16	MIDTERM 3
Friday	9/23/16	MIDTERM 1	Friday	11/18/16	TBD
Monday	9/26/16	Taxes/Subsidies	Monday	11/21/16	THANKSGIVING
Wednesday	9/28/16	Elasticities	Wednesday	11/23/16	THANKSGIVING
Friday	9/30/16	Tax Incidence	Friday	11/25/16	THANKSGIVING
Monday	10/3/16	Surplus	Monday	11/28/16	Academic Economics overview
Wednesday	10/5/16	Deadweight Loss	Wednesday	11/30/16	Environmental
Friday	10/7/16	International Trade	Friday	12/2/16	Environmental
Monday	10/10/16	4 Types of Goods	Monday	12/5/16	TBD
Wednesday	10/12/16	Market Failure 1	Wednesday	12/7/16	TBD
Friday	10/14/16	Market Failure 2	Friday	12/9/16	Review

Fridays highlighted in green are homework due dates.

# **University Policies**

## **Accommodations**

If you qualify for accommodations because of a disability, please submit to your professor a letter from Disability Services in a timely manner (for exam accommodations provide your letter at least one week prior to the exam) so that your needs can be addressed. Disability Services determines accommodations based on documented disabilities. Contact Disability Services at 303-492-8671 or by e-mail at [dsinfo@colorado.edu](mailto:dsinfo@colorado.edu). If you have a temporary medical condition or injury, see [Temporary Injuries](#) guidelines under the Quick Links at the [Disability Services website](#) and discuss your needs with your professor.

## **Religious Observance**

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. See the [campus policy regarding religious observances](#) for full details.

## **Classroom Behavior**

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. Class rosters are provided to the instructor with the student's legal name. I will gladly honor your request to address you by an alternate name or gender pronoun. Please advise me of this preference early in the semester so that I may make appropriate changes to my records. For more information, see the policies on [classroom behavior](#) and [the student code](#).

## **Sexual Misconduct, Discrimination, Harassment, and/or Related Retaliation**

The University of Colorado Boulder (CU Boulder) is committed to maintaining a positive learning, working, and living environment. CU Boulder will not tolerate acts of sexual misconduct, discrimination, harassment or related retaliation against or by any employee or student. CU's Sexual Misconduct Policy prohibits sexual assault, sexual exploitation, sexual harassment, intimate partner abuse (dating or domestic violence), stalking or related retaliation. CU Boulder's Discrimination and Harassment Policy prohibits discrimination, harassment or related retaliation based on race, color, national origin, sex, pregnancy, age, disability, creed, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, veteran status, political affiliation or political philosophy. Individuals who believe they have been subject to misconduct under either policy should contact the Office of Institutional Equity and Compliance (OIEC) at 303-492-2127. Information about the OIEC, the above referenced policies, and the campus resources available to assist individuals regarding sexual misconduct, discrimination, harassment or related retaliation can be found at the [OIEC website](#).

## **Honor Code**

All students enrolled in a University of Colorado Boulder course are responsible for knowing and adhering to the [academic integrity policy](#) of the institution. Violations of the policy may include: plagiarism, cheating, fabrication, lying, bribery, threat, unauthorized access, clicker fraud, resubmission, and aiding academic dishonesty. All incidents of academic misconduct will be reported to the Honor Code Council ([honor@colorado.edu](mailto:honor@colorado.edu); 303-735-2273). Students who are found responsible for violating the academic integrity policy will be subject to nonacademic sanctions from the Honor Code Council as well as academic sanctions from the faculty member. Additional information regarding the academic integrity policy can be found at [honorcode.colorado.edu](http://honorcode.colorado.edu).