

University of Colorado - Department of Economics  
Principles of Microeconomics  
Econ 2010 – 100  
Summer 2017

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**Office:** Economics 401

**Class Time** Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 9:15 AM - 10:50 AM in BESC 185

**Office Hours:** Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM or by appointment.

**Class URL:** <https://learn.colorado.edu>

**Prerequisites:** None, but basic algebra and graphing skills are assumed

**Textbook:** *Principles of Microeconomics* 8th edition, by N. Gregory Mankiw (earlier editions are okay). There is one copy of textbook on reserve in Norlin Library. You may check it out for 4 hours.

**Teaching Assistants:** Li, Minghui ([minghui.li@colorado.edu](mailto:minghui.li@colorado.edu))  
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**Course Description:** This course is an introduction to the concepts of microeconomics. Microeconomics is broadly defined as the study of individuals' and firms' decisions – why do people do what they do in a market setting? The course serves as an introduction to the basics of economic theory. Its central goal is to help you learn how to model economic behavior. Developing the ability to interpret the world through the lens of economics will add substantially to your ability to understand the world around you. As this is an introductory course, you will spend a lot of your time learning the language of the field, as well as learning how to 'think like an economist.'

**Lectures:** Partial attendance for the first three classes is mandatory or you will be administratively dropped from the class. While attendance will not be taken for the other days, it is strongly suggested that you attend all classes. You are responsible for all information covered in class lectures. If you miss a class, you should be able to get notes from one of your classmates. Throughout the semester, I will randomly assign in-class worksheets which you will complete in groups or individually. These worksheets will not be graded on accuracy but you will receive an extra credit towards an upcoming examination for completing it.

**Grading:** Your course grade will consist of two midterm exams, a cumulative final exam, homework assignments, and recitation. Each portion of your grade will be weighted as follows:

Midterm 1	15% or 25% *
Midterm 2	15% or 25% *
Final exam	30%
Homework assignments	15%
Recitation	15%

\* Assignment of weights for midterm 1 and midterm 2 will depend on your midterm scores. The midterm with the lowest score will receive 15% weight and the midterm with the highest score will receive 25%.

**Examinations:** 80% of your examinations will be multiple choice. The remainder 20% will be short answers. All exams will take place in our regular classroom. There will be no make-ups for missed exams. If you are planning on leaving town, do not schedule your trip on an exam date. The final exam is cumulative – this means that you will be tested on the material from the entire semester. The dates for examinations as follows:

Midterm 1	Friday – June 16 <sup>th</sup>
Midterm 2	Friday – June 30 <sup>th</sup>
Final exam	Friday – July 7 <sup>th</sup>

**Homework assignments:** Homework must be submitted in class (BESC 185) during the day it's due. I will announce in class when homework assignments are posted. If you submit your homework late, there will be a penalty to your grade.

Late assignments and associated penalties:

One day late	20% deduction of your assignment's grade
Two days late	50% ...
Three or more days late	100% ...

Due to summer time constraints, homework assignments will be graded on completion; nonetheless, you should take it seriously.

**Recitation:** Recitations are led by your TA and will meet twice a week. Recitations will start the first week of term A semester.

TA	Location	Time	Days
Patel, Amit	MCOL E155	11:00 - 12:20	MW
Li, Minghui	MCOL E155	11:00 - 12:20	TR

Your recitation leader will decide how the recitation grade will be determined. This is a four-credit course with one credit coming from the recitation, so I expect you to take it seriously. TAs are an extremely valuable resource and I encourage you to go to their office hours as often as possible if you have questions.

**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>.

**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.

**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. 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.

### **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>.

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