

University of Colorado at South Denver
Principles of Microeconomics
ECON 2010-120
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General:

Economics involves decision-making. More specifically, economists study the process of decision-making where individuals and firms make decisions in a rational manner given their set of circumstances. Economists are concerned with the consequences for individuals, firms, and the economy of decisions made this way. Thus, in studying economics, reasoning skills are much more important than memorization skills. Having to think and reason (that is, make decisions) rather than just memorize makes economics a challenging subject for many students. On the other hand, studying economics also develops reasoning and analytical skills.

Textbook (required):

Principles of Microeconomics; 7th edition by N. Gregory Mankiw

Grading:

Your total grade in this course will be determined by the following breakdown.

- *Recitation* (20% of Grade): See your recitation syllabus.
- *2 Midterms* (25% each):
- *Final* (30% of Grade): The final will be cumulative.

Communication:

Outside of class I will communicate with you via email but primarily through the “News” section in D2L so check it early and often.

Test Policy:

There will be no makeup exams. If at the end of the two exam midterm exam periods you do not turn in a test sheet, the percentage of your final grade that the missed exam represents will be added to the final exam. For example if you miss the first midterm the final will count as 60% of your grade rather than 30%. If you miss both midterms the final will be worth 90% of your grade. There is no make up policy for the final. If you miss the final you get a zero, no exceptions.

Calculators:

You are welcome to use graphing and non-graphing calculators on tests as long as that is their sole purpose. For example you will not be able to use the calculator application on your phone during a test.

Laptop Policy:

You are welcome to use your laptop to take notes in class but only for that purpose. Please don't distract the rest of the class by shopping, face booking, etc. during class or I will ask you to put it away

Other Notes:**Student 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 can be addressed. Disability services determine accommodations based on documented disabilities.

Contact: 303-492-8671, Center for Community N200.

Religious Observance Policy

Campus policy regarding religious observances requires that faculty make every effort to reasonably and fairly deal 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 we can make proper arrangements.

Classroom Behavior Policy

Students and faculty each have responsibility for maintaining an appropriate learning environment. Students who fail to adhere to such behavioral standards may be subject to discipline. Faculty has the professional responsibility to treat all students with understanding, dignity and respect, to guide classroom discussion and to set reasonable limits on the manner in which they and their students express opinions.

Professional courtesy and sensitivity are especially important with respect to individuals and topics dealing with differences of race, culture, religion, politics, sexual orientation, gender variance, 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.

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

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; 303-725-2273).

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/>.

Discrimination & Harassment Policy

The University of Colorado Policy on Sexual Harassment applies to all students, staff and faculty. Sexual harassment is unwelcome sexual attention. It can involve intimidation, threats, coercion, or promises or create an environment that is hostile or offensive. Harassment may occur between members of the same or opposite gender and between any combinations of members in the campus community: students, faculty, staff, and administrators. Harassment can occur anywhere on campus, including the classroom, the workplace, or a residence hall. Any student, staff or faculty member who believes s/he has been sexually harassed should contact the Office of Discrimination and Harassment (ODH) at 303-492-2127 or the Office of Judicial Affairs at 303-492-5550. Information about the ODH and the campus resources available to assist individuals who believe they have been sexually harassed can be obtained at: <http://www.colorado.edu/odh/>