

# Principles of Microeconomics

ECON 2010 - Fall 2017

University of Colorado, Boulder

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Office Hours: Monday 8:30am-10:30am, Economics 206C

## Syllabus

This Syllabus covers all the important organizational details. Further information if not specified here will be given in class at the appropriate time.

### Logistics and Important Dates

We meet three times a week on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 12:00pm to 12:50pm in room RAMY C250. I will hold office hours on Monday from 8:30am to 10:30am (or by appointment if this time is inconvenient), my office is in Economics 206C. Once a week you will also meet with one of the Teaching Assistants for the class during Recitation Sessions. During Recitation Sessions you will regularly review the past and upcoming assignments, and get extra help prior to exams. There will be two in-class midterm exams and one final exam. Please mark your calendar as follows:

- Midterm 1, Monday Oct. 2 class time;
- Midterm 2, Friday Nov. 3, class time;
- Final Exam, Sunday Dec. 17, at 1:30pm

No makeup exams will be given. The only exceptions are covered by campus guidelines on absences due to religious observance (see below). If you fail to show up for an exam without an acceptable excuse (such as an illness that can be documented with a medical note or you have been given permission by me to take a make-up exam), you will get a zero for that exam.

### Textbook, Web Platform and Clicker

The textbook for the class is Acemoglu, Laibson, and List, *Microeconomics*, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition (2018, Pearson). You will need to enroll in the web portal MyEconLab. Through MyEconLab you will have access to additional learning material and to weekly problem sets which will be graded. The best way to login into MyEconLab is through the learning platform of the University, Desire2Learn at <https://learn.colorado.edu/>. You will also need an iClicker. You can purchase it at the CU Bookstore, if you do not have one already. We will use clickers regularly to review examples and to solve problems. Please make sure to register your clicker at <https://oit.colorado.edu/tutorial/cuclickers-iclicker-remote-registration>

### TA and Recitations

Recitations starts in the second week and the TAs are Wenbo Meng ([Wenbo.Meng@colorado.edu](mailto:Wenbo.Meng@colorado.edu)) and Austin Hamilton ([Austin.Hamilton@colorado.edu](mailto:Austin.Hamilton@colorado.edu)). Please check your enrollment records to establish the day and time of your session. The following tables list all the recitations with times and locations.

| <b>ECON 2010-300 Principles of Microeconomics</b> |                |              |            |                    |                  |
|---|----------------|--------------|------------|--------------------|------------------|
| <b>Keller</b>                                     | <b>LECTURE</b> | <b>14227</b> | <b>MWF</b> | <b>12:00—12:50</b> | <b>RAMY C250</b> |
| Hamilton  | 311            | 16525        | M          | 2:00—2:50          | MCOL E186        |
| Meng  | 312            | 16526        | M          | 3:00—3:50          | MUEN D439        |
| Hamilton  | 313            | 16527        | M          | 4:00—4:50          | HALE 236         |
| Meng  | 314            | 16528        | M          | 5:00—5:50          | HUMN 180         |
| Meng  | 315            | 16529        | W          | 8:00—8:50          | HLMS 251         |
| Hamilton  | 316            | 16530        | W          | 1:00—1:50          | DUAN G2B21       |
| Hamilton  | 317            | 16531        | W          | 3:00—3:50          | MUEN E130        |
| Meng  | 318            | 18428        | W          | 4:00—4:50          | ECON 2           |

## Office Hours

|                        | <b>Time</b> | <b>Day</b> | <b>Location</b> |
|------------------------|-------------|------------|-----------------|
| <b>Wolfgang Keller</b> | 8:30-10:30  | M          | Econ 206C       |
| <b>Wenbo Meng</b>      | 1:30-2:30   | M          | Econ 307        |
| <b>Austin Hamilton</b> | 11:00-12:00 | M          | Econ 307        |
| <b>Wenbo Meng</b>      | 3:00-4:00   | T          | Econ 307        |
| <b>Austin Hamilton</b> | 2:00-3:00   | T          | Econ 307        |
| <b>Wenbo Meng</b>      | 2:30-3:30   | W          | Econ 307        |
| <b>Austin Hamilton</b> | 11:00-12:00 | W          | Econ 307        |
| <b>Wenbo Meng</b>      | 3:00-4:00   | TH         | Econ 307        |
| <b>Austin Hamilton</b> | 2:00-3:00   | TH         | Econ 307        |

## Weekly Assignments and Clicker Questions

I will assign weekly problem sets that will be graded. A portion of the questions in the problem sets will aim at reinforcing your understanding and mastering of the material, while a portion will be representative of the type of questions that you will get in the midterm and final exams.

## Grading

Your final grade will be the maximum of the following two alternatives

Default

- Midterm I 25%
- Midterm II 25%
- Final 25%
- MyEconLab Problem Sets 15%
- Clicker Questions 5%
- Recitation Grade 5%

Alternative

- Midterm I 20%
- Midterm II 20%
- Final 35%
- MyEconLab Problem Sets 15%
- Clicker Questions 5%
- Recitation Grade 5%

The in-class graded clicker sessions will count as follows: 2 points for a correct answer, 1 point for an incorrect answer, 0 for no answer. The total score for the Clicker Questions will be computed by adding all the scores while discarding the lowest 6 questions.

## Rules of Conduct

**Academic Integrity.** All students of the University of Colorado at Boulder are responsible for knowing and adhering to this institution's policy regarding academic integrity. Cheating, plagiarism, fabrication, lying, bribery, threatening behavior and assistance to acts of academic dishonesty are examples of behaviors that violate this policy (see <http://www.colorado.edu/policies/academic-integrity-policy> for more information). Ordinarily, a student engaged in any act of academic dishonesty will receive a failing grade for the course. In addition, all incidents of academic misconduct shall be reported to the Honor Code Council. Depending on its findings, students who are found to be in violation of the academic integrity policy will be subject to nonacademic sanctions, including but not limited to university probation, suspension, or expulsion. The Honor Code Council can be contacted by email at [honor@colorado.edu](mailto:honor@colorado.edu) or by telephone at 303-725-2273. Additional information regarding the University Honor Code is available at <http://www.colorado.edu/policies/studenthonor-code-policy> and at <http://honorcode.colorado.edu/>.

**Electronics in Class.** Cell phones must be turned off. Any sort of use of cell phones in class will not be tolerated and anyone violating such rule will be asked to leave the lecture hall. Computers are permitted in lectures. However, they must be used only for course-related purposes. If you use your laptop for class purposes, you are required to sit in one of the last three rows of the lecture hall. Uses for any other purpose impose negative effects ("externalities") on others and are inappropriate during class time. For these reasons, anyone who uses computers for non-course-related purposes must leave the lecture hall.

## University Policies

The University adheres to the standards for student privacy rights and requirements as stipulated in the Federal Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) of 1974 (see <http://www.colorado.edu/registrar/students/records/ferpa>)

**Disability Accommodations.** Campus policy regarding disabilities requires that faculty adhere to the recommendations of Disability Services. Any student eligible for and needing academic adjustments or accommodations because of disability should submit to me a letter from Disability Services describing appropriate adjustments or accommodations and should arrange to meet with me as soon as possible so that arrangements can be made in a timely manner. University policies regarding disabilities are available at <http://disabilityservices.colorado.edu/>. Disability Services can be contacted by telephone at 303- 492-8671, or in person at the Center for Community.

**Religious Observance.** Campus policy regarding religious observances requires that faculty make every effort to reasonably and fairly accommodate all students who, because of religious obligations, have conflicts with scheduled examinations, assignments or required attendance. If you have scheduling conflict covered by this policy, please let me know as soon as possible so

that we can reschedule the relevant assignment/examination. See full details at <http://www.colorado.edu/policies/observance-religious-holidays-and-absences-classes-andor-exams>

*Harassment Policy.* The University of Colorado at Boulder policy on Discrimination and Harassment (<http://www.colorado.edu/policies/discrimination-and-harassment-policy-and-procedures>) applies to all students, staff and faculty. Any student, staff member or faculty member who believes (s)he has been the subject of discrimination or harassment 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, should contact the Office of Institutional Equity and Compliance at (303) 492-2127 or the Office of Student Conduct & Conflict Resolution at (303) 492-5550.

*Classroom Behavior.* Students and faculty each have responsibility for maintaining an appropriate learning environment. Students who fail to adhere to behavioral standards may be subject to discipline.

Faculty have the professional responsibility to treat students with understanding, dignity and respect, to guide classroom discussion and to set reasonable limits on the manner in which students express opinions. University policies regarding classroom behavior are available at [http://www.colorado.edu/policies/ student-classroom-and-course-related-behavior](http://www.colorado.edu/policies/student-classroom-and-course-related-behavior)