

# Principles of Microeconomics

ECON 2010 - Fall 2020

University of Colorado, Boulder

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## Syllabus

This Syllabus covers all the important organizational details. Further information can be found on the Canvas Course Website.

## Logistics and Important Dates

Lectures are going to be asynchronous video lectures. These video lectures will be posted on Canvas in advanced. Video lectures will include questions to reinforce the learning. 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, Week starting on September 21th**
- **Midterm 2, Week starting on October 26th**
- **Final Exam, TBD between December 9th and 13th.**

## Textbook, Online Platform and Clicker

The textbook for the class is **Microeconomics** by Acemoglu, Laibson and List, Second Edition. To keep the cost of your course materials as low as possible and access to those materials as convenient as possible, we have collaborated with the CU Book Store and the publisher to deliver those materials through a program called “Inclusive Access”, which will appear on your tuition and fee bill as “Day 1 Digital Access”.

What does this mean for you?

- You will receive access to all your digital course materials on the first day of classes through the course’s Canvas page. The access to all these material (including the ebook and the assignment manager) will be through MyEconLab.
- You will see a “Day 1 Digital Access” charge on your tuition and fee bill for: \$106.27
  - This is a low price discounted by the publisher, and not available outside this course
- You have the option to opt out. This means: you won’t pay for anything, but you lose all access to the course materials, including MyEconLab -the homework manager.
  - You can opt out by using a link in a reminder email you will receive with the subject heading “Day 1 Digital Access”.
  - You must opt out no later than Sept. 11, otherwise you will be charged for the materials.
- Please keep in mind that “opting out” means that your access to these materials will be turned OFF, and you will have no way to complete assignments.

MyEconLab you will have access to the ebook and 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, Canvas <https://canvas.colorado.edu/>.

## TA and Recitations

In-person recitations start the second week. The following tables list the recitation instructors and their office hours. Please view the Canvas "TA Office Hour" site for the most up to date information. You can also email your lead TA Anja Gruber (anja.gruber@colorado.edu) with any questions.

TA	Zoom Link	Section	Email
Xiaomeng Zhao	<a href="https://cuboulder.zoom.us/j/91987707591">https://cuboulder.zoom.us/j/91987707591</a>	111, 112, 113, 114	xiaomeng.zhao@colorado.edu
Wenbo Meng	<a href="https://cuboulder.zoom.us/j/8325585905">https://cuboulder.zoom.us/j/8325585905</a>	116, 117, 118	wenbo.meng@colorado.edu
Youngeun Choi	<a href="https://cuboulder.zoom.us/j/8127858437">https://cuboulder.zoom.us/j/8127858437</a>	211, 213, 216, 217	youngeun.choi@colorado.edu
Jordan Lenger	<a href="https://cuboulder.zoom.us/j/4299980922">https://cuboulder.zoom.us/j/4299980922</a>	212, 214, 215, 218	jordan.lenger@colorado.edu
Andrew Fink	<a href="https://cuboulder.zoom.us/j/7589608816">https://cuboulder.zoom.us/j/7589608816</a>	311, 312, 313, 315	andrew_fink-1@colorado.edu
Brach Champion	<a href="https://cuboulder.zoom.us/j/8176859951">https://cuboulder.zoom.us/j/8176859951</a>	316, 318	brachel.champion@colorado.edu
Austin Kennedy	<a href="https://cuboulder.zoom.us/j/94456326272">https://cuboulder.zoom.us/j/94456326272</a>	317	Austin.Kennedy@colorado.edu
Saigeetha Narasimhan	<a href="https://cuboulder.zoom.us/j/2485215159">https://cuboulder.zoom.us/j/2485215159</a>	411, 412, 413	saigeetha.narasimhan@colorado.edu
Mengqi Zhang	<a href="https://cuboulder.zoom.us/j/9466182593">https://cuboulder.zoom.us/j/9466182593</a>	415, 416, 417, 418	mengqi.zhang@colorado.edu
Sean Strunk	<a href="https://cuboulder.zoom.us/j/7136764025">https://cuboulder.zoom.us/j/7136764025</a>	415, 417	sean.strunk@colorado.edu
CharLee Racine	<a href="https://cuboulder.zoom.us/j/7441016749">https://cuboulder.zoom.us/j/7441016749</a>	416, 418	charles.racine@colorado.edu
Sam Johnson	<a href="https://cuboulder.zoom.us/j/93328726649">https://cuboulder.zoom.us/j/93328726649</a>	814, 816, 817	sajo2727@colorado.edu
Elizabeth Sorensen Montoya	<a href="https://cuboulder.zoom.us/j/9981417657">https://cuboulder.zoom.us/j/9981417657</a>	811, 812, 813	elizabeth.sorensenmontoya@colorado.edu
Kevin Takeda	<a href="https://cuboulder.zoom.us/j/94737680302">https://cuboulder.zoom.us/j/94737680302</a>	815, 818	kevin.takeda@colorado.edu

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:00:00 AM	Jordan Lenger	Brach Champion		Andrew Fink	Saigeetha
8:30:00 AM	Jordan Lenger	Brach Champion		Andrew Fink	Saigeetha
9:00:00 AM	Youngeun Choi Brach Champion	CharLee Racine	Choi	CharLee Racine	
9:30:00 AM	Youngeun Choi Brach Champion	CharLee Racine	Youngeun Choi	CharLee Racine	
10:00:00 AM	Youngeun Choi Brach Champion	CharLee Racine	Youngeun Choi	CharLee Racine	Connor Weinstein
10:30:00 AM	Saigeetha Narasimhan Youngeun Choi	CharLee Racine	Saigeetha Narasimhan Youngeun Choi	CharLee Racine	Connor Weinstein
11:00:00 AM	Saigeetha Narasimhan	Elizabeth	Saigeetha Narasimhan	Elizabeth Sorensen Montoya	Elizabeth Sorensen Montoya Connor Weinstein
11:30:00 AM	Sean Strunk				Connor Weinstein
12:00:00 PM	Sean Strunk	Kevin	Kevin Takeda		Connor Weinstein
12:30:00 PM	Sean Strunk	Sean Strunk Kevin Takeda	Kevin Takeda		Connor Weinstein
1:00:00 PM	Sean Strunk	Sean Strunk Kevin Takeda	Kevin Takeda		
1:30:00 PM	Sam Johnson	Sean Strunk	Sam Johnson		Andrew Fink
2:00:00 PM	Sam Johnson	Sean Strunk	Sam Johnson	Mengqi Zhang	Andrew Fink
2:30:00 PM	Sam Johnson		Sam Johnson	Mengqi Zhang	Andrew Fink
3:00:00 PM	Wenbo Meng	Wenbo Meng	Mengqi Zhang	Mengqi Zhang	Andrew Fink
3:30:00 PM	Wenbo Meng	Wenbo Meng	Mengqi Zhang	Mengqi Zhang	
4:00:00 PM	Wenbo Meng	Wenbo Meng	Mengqi Zhang	Mengqi Zhang	Xiaomeng Zhao
4:30:00 PM		Wenbo Meng	Xiaomeng Zhao		Xiaomeng Zhao
5:00:00 PM		Wenbo Meng	Xiaomeng Zhao		Xiaomeng Zhao
5:30:00 PM			Xiaomeng Zhao		Xiaomeng Zhao
6:00:00 PM			Xiaomeng Zhao		

## Weekly Assignments

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 determined according to the following percentages

- Midterm I 25%
- Midterm II 25%
- Final 25%
- MyEconLab Problem Sets 15%
- Video Lectures Questions 5%
- Recitation Participation and Questions 5%

The questions for video lectures and recitations will count as follows: 2 points for a correct answer, 1 point for an incorrect answer, 0 for no answer. The total score for these questions will be computed by adding all the scores while discarding the lowest 6 questions.

Alternatively, the following scheme will be used in case that generates a higher grade.

- Midterm I 20%
- Midterm II 20%
- Final 35%
- MyEconLab Problem Sets 15%
- Video Lectures Questions 5%
- Recitation Participation and Questions 5%

## **Emails**

If you would like to contact me through email, please use your official school email address. I will **not** respond to personal email. Do not email me questions that can be found in the syllabus. Please start a new email when asking me a question rather than replying to a class-wide email and include the subject “Econ2010 - Fall 20”. This makes sure I see all emails since I use filter for the emails, and also makes sure nobody accidentally clicks the dreaded “reply all” button.

**I am not allowed, by law, to discuss grades with you or anyone else via email. Please do not email me with questions about your grade - instead, see me during office hours.**

## **Classroom Behavior**

Both students and faculty are responsible for maintaining an appropriate learning environment in all instructional settings, whether in person, remote or online. 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 race, color, national origin, sex, pregnancy, age, disability, creed, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, veteran status, political affiliation or political philosophy. For more information, see the policies on classroom behavior and the Student Code of Conduct.

## **Requirements for COVID-19**

As a matter of public health and safety due to the pandemic, all members of the CU Boulder community and all visitors to campus must follow university, department and building requirements, and public health orders in place to reduce the risk of spreading infectious disease. Required safety measures at CU Boulder relevant to the classroom setting include:

- maintain 6-foot distancing when possible,
- wear a face covering in public indoor spaces and outdoors while on campus consistent with state and county health orders,

- clean local work area,
- practice hand hygiene,
- follow public health orders, and
- if sick and you live off campus, do not come onto campus (unless instructed by a CU Healthcare professional), or if you live on-campus, please alert CU Boulder Medical Services.

Students who fail to adhere to these requirements will be asked to leave class, and students who do not leave class when asked or who refuse to comply with these requirements will be referred to Student Conduct and Conflict Resolution. For more information, see the policies on COVID-19 Health and Safety and classroom behavior and the Student Code of Conduct. If you require accommodation because a disability prevents you from fulfilling these safety measures, please see the “Accommodation for Disabilities” statement on this syllabus.

Before returning to campus, all students must complete the COVID-19 Student Health and Expectations Course. Before coming on to campus each day, all students are required to complete a Daily Health Form.

Students who have tested positive for COVID-19, have symptoms of COVID-19, or have had close contact with someone who has tested positive for or had symptoms of COVID-19 must stay home and complete the Health Questionnaire and Illness Reporting Form remotely.

## **Accommodation for Disabilities**

If you qualify for accommodations because of a disability, please submit your accommodation letter from Disability Services to your faculty member in a timely manner so that your needs can be addressed. Disability Services determines accommodations based on documented disabilities in the academic environment. Information on requesting accommodations is located on the Disability Services website. Contact Disability Services at 303-492-8671 or dsinfo@colorado.edu for further assistance. If you have a temporary medical condition, see Temporary Medical Conditions on the Disability Services website.

## **Preferred Student Names and Pronouns**

CU Boulder recognizes that students' legal information doesn't always align with how they identify. Students may update their preferred names and pronouns via the student portal; those preferred names and pronouns are listed on instructors' class rosters. In the absence of such updates, the name that appears on the class roster is the student's legal name.

## **Honor Code**

All students enrolled in a University of Colorado Boulder course are responsible for knowing and adhering to the Honor Code. Violations of the policy may include: plagiarism, cheating, fabrication, lying, bribery, threat, unauthorized access to academic materials, clicker fraud, submitting the same or similar work in more than one course without permission from all course instructors involved, and aiding academic dishonesty. All incidents of academic misconduct will be reported to the Honor Code ([honor@colorado.edu](mailto:honor@colorado.edu)); 303-492-5550). Students found responsible for violating the academic integrity policy will be subject to nonacademic sanctions from the Honor Code as well as academic sanctions from the faculty member. Additional information regarding the Honor Code academic integrity policy can be found at the Honor Code Office website.

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

The University of Colorado Boulder (CU Boulder) is committed to fostering an inclusive and welcoming learning, working, and living environment. CU Boulder will not tolerate acts of sexual misconduct (harassment, exploitation, and assault), intimate partner violence (dating or domestic violence), stalking, or protected-class discrimination or harassment by members of our community. Individuals who believe they have been subject to misconduct or retaliatory actions for reporting a concern should contact the Office of Institutional Equity and Compliance (OIEC) at 303-492-2127 or [cureport@colorado.edu](mailto:cureport@colorado.edu). Information about the OIEC, university policies, anonymous reporting, and the campus resources can be found on the OIEC

website.

Please know that faculty and instructors have a responsibility to inform OIEC when made aware of incidents of sexual misconduct, dating and domestic violence, stalking, discrimination, harassment and/or related retaliation, to ensure that individuals impacted receive information about options for reporting and support resources.

## **Religious Holidays**

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. In this class, we will follow the campus policy regarding religious observances.