

ECON 2010-200 : Principles of Microeconomics

Fall 2019

Syllabus

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Course Meetings Monday, Wednesday, Friday at 11:00 AM in Ramaley C250

Office Hours Tuesday 10:00 AM-12:00 PM and Wednesday 12:00-1:00 PM

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Course Info

Description Principles of Microeconomics is an introductory undergraduate course that teaches the fundamentals of microeconomics. This course introduces microeconomic concepts and analysis, such as supply and demand analysis, theories of the firm and consumer behavior, competition and monopoly, and welfare economics. Students will also be introduced to the use of microeconomic applications to address problems in current economic policy throughout the semester.

Prerequisites There are no prerequisites for this course. Understanding how to read graphs and solve algebraic equations will be necessary on many homework assignments and exams.

Textbook

We will use **N. Gregory Mankiw, Principles of Microeconomics, 8th Edition** with Mindtap. Please note that this is an inclusive access course. What this means is that you have electronic access to your course materials immediately through Canvas if you are enrolled in the course. You do not need to go to the bookstore. You do not need to pay for them right now. Should you drop the course, you will not be billed for the materials. If you stay in the course, the CU Book Store will bill you for these materials on your tuition and fee bill at the guaranteed lowest price. This charge will occur at or near the drop/add date. The charge for these materials before tax will be approximately \$90.

You have the option to decline these materials by following this link: www.cubookstore.com/optout

If you drop the class before the add/drop date, you will not be billed for these materials. Should you decide to opt out, you are responsible for purchasing the textbook through another source. Older editions of the book are sufficient should you choose to opt out. Please note that, by opting out you will forego access to Mindtap and all posted materials and will not be able to access the practice problems and other guides.

Structure

On the following dates and times the midterms and final exam will be held:

- Midterm 1: Wednesday, September 25 11:00-11:50 AM

- Midterm 2: Wednesday, October 30 11:00-11:50 AM
- Midterm 3: Wednesday, December 4 11:00-11:50 AM
- Final: Sunday, December 15 1:30-4:00 PM

The course consists of lectures, homework, recitations, and exams.

Lecture I highly encourage but do not require attendance at lectures. I will occasionally offer opportunities to earn bonus points on exams during lectures. With regards to classroom behavior, please exercise common courtesy. Please arrive on time, refrain from leaving early, and do not discuss non-course related content. You may use electronic devices for educational purposes, however I maintain the right to disallow use of electronic devices if they are used inappropriately.

Homework Each week during the semester, I will post homework assignments on Canvas for you to complete. The homework assignments will consist of practice problems designed to reinforce material covered during lecture and to prepare you for the types of questions you will answer on exams. Homework assignments will generally be due on Fridays at 11:00 PM. Late submissions and make-ups will not be allowed. I will drop the lowest homework grade at the end of the semester. If you experience any difficulties (ie Canvas is not working) you must notify me before an assignment is due.

Recitation Starting with the 2nd week of classes you will meet weekly with one of the TAs for this course. The goal of recitation is to ask questions, review concepts, and practice with the material. Your TA will determine how grades are assigned.

Exams Exam dates are listed above. Midterms will be held during lecture on September 25, October 30, and December 4. The final will be held on December 15 at 1:30 PM. Midterms will consist of 20 non-cumulative multiple choice questions. Make-up exams will not be given; your lowest midterm will instead be dropped (see grading policy). The final will consist of 40 cumulative multiple choice questions. You must take the final exam in this course; failure to do so will result in a failing grade. The topics that each exam encompasses will be announced in class prior to the exam. University policy allows students who have more than three finals to reschedule the last final of the day. If students wish to reschedule a final, they must inform me by November 1.

Grading

Your grade will be determined by the following components and weights:

- Recitation: 5%
- Homework: 15%
- Highest Midterm: 30%
- 2nd Highest Midterm: 15%
- Lowest Midterm: 0%
- Final Exam: 35%

I will assign letter grades with a +/- . I will follow economics department guidelines which means the average grade will be curved to a B-. The size of this curve will not be known until after all components of the course have been graded.

Course Policies

Missed Assignments In the case that an extreme illness is experienced leading to missing homework and/or midterm exams I will shift the weight of these to subsequent homeworks and/or the final exam. Proper documentation will be required for all missed assignments. **A time-stamped note from Wardenburg does not qualify as an extreme illness.**

Communication Outside of lectures and office hours, the optimal way to contact me is through email. I will not respond to emails if the answer to your question is in the syllabus. Please use your Colorado.edu account to email me, and include in the subject line ECON 2010. Please allow 24 hours for a response during the week, and 48 hours on weekends. I will occasionally distribute information through official university email; thus, it is expected that you will maintain and monitor your university email address.

Exam Policy Exams are the only components used to determine grades for which collaboration is explicitly prohibited. If you are caught cheating you will receive a 0 on the associated assignment. Non-graphing calculators are allowed to be used during exams; use of any other device will be considered cheating. Exams must be completed in pencil on scantrons. Failure to properly bubble in answers will result in your exam not being graded and you will receive a 0.

Intellectual Property All course materials are the property of the instructor and may not be shared with any individual outside of the course at any time for any reason without permission in writing from the instructor. Course materials, including but not limited to lecture presentation slides, assignments, grading rubrics, exams, discussion posts, and recitation activities, may not be posted to any website (e.g., Course Hero or similar sites, social media, etc.). The same applies to any audio or video recordings of lecture or recitation. A violation of this policy will be treated as a violation of the academic integrity policy.

Electronics Cell phone use is not permitted during class. If there is an emergency requiring the use of a cell phone please step outside the classroom. The use of tablets and laptops for educational purposes (ie lecture slides, Canvas, Mindtap) is permitted; however, I reserve the right to disallow their use if electronics are not being used appropriately.

University Policies

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, veterans status, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, and gender expression, age, disability, and nationalities. Class rosters are provided to the instructor with the students 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 Harrasment Policy: The University of Colorado at Boulder Discrimination and Harrasment 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>.

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; 303-735-2273). 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 nonacademic sanctions (including but not limited to university probation, suspension, or expulsion).