

# Principles of Microeconomics

ECON 2010 - Fall 2019

University of Colorado, Boulder

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## 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 two times a week on Tuesday and Thursday from 3:30pm to 4:45pm in room CHEM 140. 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 214 (behind the copier room). 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, Tuesday October 1st , class time;**
- **Midterm 2, Tuesday October 29th, class time;**
- **Final Exam, Wednesday December 18th at 4:30pm.**

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, 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 managers.
  - 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/>.

You will also need an i>clicker. 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://cuconnect.colorado.edu/uPortal/index.jsp>.

## **TA and Recitations**

Recitations starts in the second week and the TAs are Adam Pfander ([charles.pfander@colorado.edu](mailto:charles.pfander@colorado.edu)), Vincent Mastantuno ([vincent.mastantuno@colorado.edu](mailto:vincent.mastantuno@colorado.edu)), Sam Johnson ([sajo2727@colorado.edu](mailto:sajo2727@colorado.edu)), Anja Gruber([anja.gruber@colorado.edu](mailto:anja.gruber@colorado.edu)), Connor Hayes ([connor.hayes@colorado.edu](mailto:connor.hayes@colorado.edu)).

The following table list all the recitations with time and locations.

<b>TA</b>	<b>Section</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Day</b>	<b>Location</b>
Johnson	911	8:00 - 8:50 am	T	MCOL E186
Mastantuno	912	3:00 - 3:50 pm	M	ECON 117
Johnson	913	3:00 - 3:50 pm	M	HLMS 229
Hayes	914	4:00 - 4:50 pm	M	HLMS 255
Mastantuno	915	4:00 - 4:50 pm	M	HLMS 193
Gruber	916	5:00 - 5:50 pm	M	HLMS 193
Pfander	917	5:00 - 5:50 pm	M	HLMS 255
Hayes	918	8:00 - 8:50 am	T	HLMS 177
Mastantuno	919	8:00 - 8:50 am	T	ENVD 122
Gruber	920	5:00 - 5:50 pm	T	ECON 2
Pfander	921	5:00 - 5:50 pm	T	ECON 205
Johnson	922	8:00 - 8:50 am	W	KTCH 1B60
Johnson	923	3:00 - 3:50 pm	W	STAD 140
Hayes	924	8:00 - 8:50 am	W	HLMS 251
Gruber	925	4:00 - 4:50 pm	W	ECON 117
Pfander	926	4:00 - 4:50 pm	W	MCOL E155
Gruber	927	8:00 - 8:50 am	TH	ECON 119
Pfander	928	8:00 - 8:50 am	TH	GUGG 3
Hayes	929	5:00 - 5:50 pm	TH	ECON 13
Mastantuno	930	5:00 - 5:50 pm	TH	MUEN D144

Office hours will be held at the following time:

	<b>Time</b>	<b>Day</b>	<b>Location</b>
Jeronimo Carballo	8:30-10:00 am	M	ECON 214
Connor Hayes	9:30 - 11:00 am	M	ECON 307
Anja Gruber	1:30 - 4:30 pm	M	ECON 307
Adam Pfander	2:00 - 3:15 pm	T	ECON 307
Anja Gruber	9:00 - 10:00 am	W	ECON 307
Samuel Johnson	9:30 - 11:30 am	W	ECON 307
Adam Pfander	2:00 - 3:30 pm	W	ECON 307
Vincent Mastantuno	4:15 - 5:15 pm	W	ECON 307
Samuel Johnson	11:00 - 12:00 am	TH	ECON 307
Samuel Johnson	2:10 - 3:10 pm	TH	ECON 307
Connor Hayes	9:00 - 11:30 am	F	ECON 307
Vincent Mastantuno	10:00 - 1:00 pm	F	ECON 307
Adam Pfander	12:30 - 1:45 pm	F	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 determined according to the following percentages

- Midterm I 25%
- Midterm II 25%
- Final 25%

- MyEconLab Problem Sets 15%
- Clicker Questions 10% :
  - 5% from lectures
  - 5% from recitations.

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.

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%
- Clicker Questions 10% :
  - 5% from lectures
  - 5% from recitations.

## **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 19”. 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.**

## 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 non-academic 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/student-honor-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 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/resources/family-educational-rights-and-privacy-act-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-absen>

*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 Discrimination and Harassment (ODH) at (303) 492-2127 or the Office of Judicial Affairs 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>.