

ECON 2020-100
Principles of Macroeconomics
Fall 2017 Syllabus

Lecture: T/TH 2:00 pm – 3:15 pm Math 100

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Course Content:

We will discuss foundational topics in macroeconomics in this course. This will include discussions on trade, national production, unemployment, business cycles, and monetary/fiscal policy. My goal for this course is to provide you with a strong framework for understanding the economy as a whole, which will enable you to understand a variety of common topics in macroeconomics.

Prerequisites:

The prerequisite for this course is ECON 2010, Principles of Microeconomics. Please let me know immediately if you do not fulfill the prerequisite for this course. Failure to discuss this with me will result in your administrative withdrawal from the course.

Required Materials:

N. Gregory Mankiw - Principles of Macroeconomics ©2018 8th Edition
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Lectures:

I will use lecture time to discuss new material or go over example problems to prepare for exams. Attendance will be taken in each lecture using clickers to answer questions related to the material. You are required to answer every clicker question to earn attendance points for the day. Missing any clicker question will result in a zero for the day. *You may have two unexcused absences throughout the semester.* Each lecture you miss beyond your unexcused absences will count equally against your attendance grade. All material that I discuss in lecture will be required knowledge for the exams. Please do not use any electronic devices for anything unrelated to this course. Anyone who is distracting or refuses to participate during lecture will be asked to leave. Attendance will be taken in the first week of class. Students who do not attend class every lecture during the first week will be administratively dropped. I will not distribute my lecture notes or repeat lectures to students who are unable to attend. It will be your responsibility to obtain notes from your classmates if you need to make up a lecture.

Exams:

Midterm exams will be held in class during lecture time. There will be three midterm exams and a cumulative final exam. Your lowest midterm grade will be dropped and your two highest midterm grades will be worth 20% of your grade each. The final exam will be worth 25% of your grade and will not be dropped. Anyone who has three or more final exams on the same day in which my final exam is your latest exam of the day may notify me within the first month of class to schedule an alternative time for their exam. Please account for any scheduling conflicts you may have with work/travel on the date and time of the final exam. *There will be no make-up exams. The policy of dropping your lowest midterm is in place to account for any circumstances which prevent you from attending an exam. You must attend the final exam.*

Midterm 1: Thursday September 21st

Midterm 2: Thursday October 19th

Midterm 3: Thursday November 16th

Final Exam: Tuesday December 19th, 1:30pm – 4:00 pm

Grading:

Your final grade in this course will be determined as follows:

Lecture Attendance: 15%

Recitation Grade: 20%

Highest Midterm Grade: 20%

2nd Highest Midterm Grade: 20%

Final Exam Grade: 25%

I will assign you a letter grade which will include +/- . I will strictly adhere to the assignment of your letter grade based on your percentage grade in the class. This means I will not individually curve your grade to move it up a letter grade (e.g. an 89.9% will be a B+, I will not move it up to an A-). Please speak to me if you have concerns about your grade at any point in the semester.

Cheating will not be tolerated in this course. This includes cheating on an exam, cheating in recitation, or cheating by using another student's clicker during lecture. If you are caught cheating I will assign you a 0% in the course. I will then meet with the Associate Chair of Undergraduate Studies for the Economics Department, and we will report this to the Honor Council to decide upon further punishment, which could include expulsion from the University. I will attend any honor council hearing and personally provide evidence for an accusation of cheating.

Practice Problems:

I believe repetition with the material in this course will be important to succeed on the exams. I will provide practice problems on D2L in place of assigned homework. These problems are designed to inform you what information may be important for an upcoming exam. You are encouraged to complete these practice sets early and come to me with questions prior to the exam.

Online homework software Aplia is available to students who purchase the textbook's inclusive access option. Aplia will provide practice problems from your textbook which you can use to supplement your understanding of the material in the text. *There will be no homework grade.*

Email/Office Hours:

Contact me by emailing me or stopping by my office hours. Please allow 24 hours or over the weekend for an email response. I will be available during my office hours throughout the semester to discuss any material or concerns you may have regarding this course.

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 can 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>. Disability Services' letters for students with disabilities indicate legally mandated reasonable accommodations. The syllabus statements and answers to Frequently Asked Questions can be found at <http://www.colorado.edu/disabilityservices>.

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. In this class, if you have a conflict, please contact me at the beginning of the term so we can make the proper arrangements. See full details at http://www.colorado.edu/policies/fac_relig.html.

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, veteran's status, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, and gender expression, age, disability, and nationalities. 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_code.

Discrimination and Harassment Policy

The University of Colorado at Boulder Discrimination and Harassment 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 non-academic sanctions (including but not limited to university probation, suspension, or expulsion) and will receive a failing grade for the course. 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/>.