

PRINCIPLES OF MACROECONOMICS : ECON 2020-300

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Syllabus: All students are responsible for understanding the contents of this syllabus, including all assignments and grading policy. I reserve the right to ignore any questions via email that are answered below.

Emergencies and Unforeseen Circumstances: Should any issue arise through the semester that impairs a student from completing regularly scheduled work, that student is responsible for reaching as soon as they are able. See the Exam and Homework sections for general accommodation policy.

Course Description: Provides an overview of the economy, examining the flows of resources and outputs and the factors determining the levels of income and prices. Explores policy problems of inflation, unemployment and economic growth.

Textbook (Required): *Principles of Economics* (10th Edition) by Gregory Mankiw.

- 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 “Day 1 Digital Access”, which will appear on your tuition and fee bill as “Day 1 Digital Access”. What does this mean for you?
 1. You will receive access to all your course materials, digitally, on the first day of classes, through the course Canvas page.
 2. You will see a “Day 1 Digital Access” charge on your tuition and fees
 - This is a guaranteed lowest price, discounted by the publisher, and not available outside this course
 3. 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 homework managers like Connect or Mindtap
 - 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 July 9th, otherwise you will be charged for the materials.

4. 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.

COURSE POLICIES:

General:

- Class periods will be devoted to lecture, practice, and the occasional (time permitting) in class activity.
- If you use a computer for notes, sit in the back row to avoid distracting your classmates. No mobile devices are allowed during class periods.
- Please allow 24 hours for me to respond to your emails or 48 hours if it is on the weekend. **Grades will not be discussed over email.**

Grades:

- Distribution:

Grade Item	Percentage
Homework	20
Recitation	15
Midterm 1	20
Midterm 2	20
Final	25

- Reporting: Grades will be uploaded into Canvas as assignments are graded.
- Curving: Midterms may be curved individually, and a curve may be applied to the overall course grade to conform to departmental standards.
- Letter Grade Cutoffs: Let your grade be “x”.

Grade	Percentage	Grade	Percentage
A	$94 \leq x$	C	$74 \leq x < 78$
A-	$91 \leq x < 94$	C-	$71 \leq x < 74$
B+	$88 \leq x < 91$	D+	$68 \leq x < 71$
B	$84 \leq x < 88$	D	$64 \leq x < 68$
B-	$81 \leq x < 84$	D-	$61 \leq x < 64$
C+	$78 \leq x < 81$	F	$x < 61$

- **Adjustment:** You will be responsible for monitoring your own grades. If you are worried about your grade, come to me early to make a plan for your success. I will automatically increase final course grades that are strictly less than 1 point below any grade cutoff after any final grading curve has been applied. No further increases to grades will occur. Individual requests for bumps or extra credit assignments will be denied or ignored.

Homework:

- Homework for this class is administered through Cengage Mindtap. Each chapter will have an accompanying homework. Mindtap includes practice assignments as well, but grades will be calculated based off the homework assignments alone. Late assignments will be accepted at a penalty of 40%. The 2 lowest grades will be automatically dropped, this is to cover any avoidable or unavoidable issues that come up through out the semester. If an emergency arises that prevented the student from completing *more than 2* assignments the student will be allowed to make up the assignments they were unable to complete in lieu of the 2 drops.

Recitation:

- Recitation attendance is required for the course. You must attend the recitation that you are enrolled in. Grades will be administered per the discretion of the recitation instructor, but may not be updated until the end of the semester. Any questions pertaining to the recitation or it's grade should be directed to the recitation instructor.

Exams:

- **Midterms:** Two midterms will be given during lecture time on the dates in the schedule given in this syllabus. For students with documented accommodations for exams, please notify me with your documentation at least one week before the first exam.
 - Note: Makeup exams are not given. If the student misses a midterm due to emergency, the weight of the midterm will be placed on the final exam (meaning the final exam would be worth 45% of your grade).
- **Final Exam:** The final exam is cumulative. The exam will be held at the university assigned place and time. This date is non-negotiable. The only exception to this standard is if you have 3 final exams scheduled on the same day; in this circumstance, you must notify me before the 11th week of the semester.

Cheating: If you are caught cheating in any fashion (on exams or homework) you will be given an F for the semester and your case will be reported to the Honor Code Council for review.

Changes: The syllabus may be subject to change if required to adhere to any university or department guidelines

UNIVERSITY POLICIES:

Students with Disabilities If you qualify for accommodations because of a disability, please submit to your professor a letter from Disability Services in a timely manner (for exam accommodations provide your letter at least one week prior to the exam) so that your needs can be addressed. Disability Services determines accommodations based on documented disabilities. Contact Disability Services at 303-492-8671 or by e-mail at dsinfo@colorado.edu. If you have a temporary medical condition or injury, see Temporary Injuries guidelines under the Quick Links at the Disability Services website and discuss your needs with your professor.

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 that we can make proper arrangements. See full details at http://www.colorado.edu/policies/fac_relig.html.

Classroom Behavior Policy Class rosters are provided to the instructor with the student's 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. See policies at <http://www.colorado.edu/policies/classbehavior.html> and at www.colorado.edu/studentaffairs/judicialaffairs/code.html#student_code. 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, gender expression, age, disability, and nationalities.

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 enrolled in a University of Colorado Boulder course are responsible for knowing and adhering to the academic integrity policy of the institution. Violations of the policy may include: plagiarism, cheating, fabrication, lying, bribery, threat, unauthorized access, clicker fraud, resubmission, and aiding academic dishonesty. All incidents of academic misconduct will be reported to the Honor Code Council (honor@colorado.edu; 303-735-2273). Students who are found responsible for violating the academic integrity policy will be subject to nonacademic sanctions from the Honor Code Council as well as academic sanctions from the faculty member. Additional information regarding the academic integrity policy can be found at honorcode.colorado.edu.

TENTATIVE* SCHEDULE:

Week	Lecture
	Midterm 1: Chp. 1,2,7,10,11
Jan 18 - Jan 20	Topics: Principles of Economics Textbook: Syllabus & Chapter 1
Jan 23 - Jan 27	Topics: Thinking Like an Economist Textbook: Chapters 1 - 2
Jan 30 - Feb 3 Chp. 1 & 2 HWK due Jan 30	Topics: Efficiency of Markets Textbook: Chapter 7 & 10
Feb 6 - Feb 10	Topics: Measuring a Nation's Income

	Textbook: Chapter 10 - 11
Feb 13 - Feb 17 Chp. 7 & 10 HWK due Feb 15	Topics: Measuring the Cost of Living Textbook: Chapter 11
Feb 20 - Feb 24 Chp. 11 HWK due Feb 22 Mdt 1 Feb 24	Topics: Review & Midterm Textbook: Chapters 1,2,7,10,11
	Midterm 2: Chp. 12,13,15,16,17,18
Feb 27 - Mar 3	Topics: Production and Growth Textbook: Chapter 12 - 13
Mar 6 - Mar 10	Topics: Saving, Investment, & Financial System Textbook: Chapter 13 - 15
Mar 13 - Mar 17 Chp. 12 & 13 HWK due Mar 13	Topics: Unemployment & The Monetary System Textbook: Chapter 16 - 17
Mar 20 - Mar 24 Chp. 15 - 16 HWK due Mar 24	Topics: Money Growth and Inflation Textbook: Chapter 17 - 18
Mar 27 - Mar 31 No Class	Topics: Spring Break Macroeconomics Textbook: N/A
Apr 3 - Apr 7 Chp. 17 & 18 Homework due April 5 MT2 on Apr 7	Topics: Catch up, Review & Midterm 2 Textbook: Chapters 12,13,15,16,17,18
	Final Chp. 20,21,23 + All Above
Apr 10 - Apr 14	Topics: Aggregate Demand and Aggregate Supply Textbook: Chapter 20 - 21
Apr 17 - Apr 21	Topics: Monetary and Fiscal Policy Textbook: Chapter 21 & 23
Apr 24 - Apr 28	Topics: Debates over Macroeconomic Policy Textbook: Chapter 23
May 1 - May 3 Chp. 20, 21 & 23 HW due May 3 Last day of Classes May 3	Topics: Review

*This schedule is tentative