

ECON 4717: ECONOMICS OF ENTREPRENEURSHIP
COURSE SYLLABUS
Spring 2020

Class Hours & Location: T/TH 2:00-3:15PM at Ketchum 1B87
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Course Description

Entrepreneurship is an important part of modern economy. This course aims to introduce academic as well as practical implications of entrepreneurship and its financing. Students will get familiar with private equity (e.g., venture capital) and real-world examples and are also expected to work on a startup project.

References

- I. Lerner, Leamon, and Hardymon (2012), Venture Capital, Private Equity, and the Financing of Entrepreneurship (on course reserve at Norlin Circulation)
- II. Class notes and other supplementary material will be posted on Canvas after each class; other important messages may be conveyed via University email

Prerequisite

- I. ECON 3070 Intermediate Microeconomic Theory
- II. ECON 3818 Introduction to Statistics (or equivalent)

Grading Policy

Your letter grade will be based on your performance on a mid-term, a final and a final project. I also check class attendance from time to time by a random roll call. If you miss more than half of my roll calls during the semester, then your letter grade can be adversely affected. Note that no make-up exams can be arranged unless there is an emergency or other permissible reason with an advance notice.

The midterm enters your grade with a weight of **.30**, and the final with **.30**, where the final is not cumulative. You are expected to form a group of three or four for a final startup project, which enters with a weight of **.30** (specifically, a written report is **.25** and a presentation **.05**). Attendance and class participation will be considered with a weight of **.05**; and a couple of homework assignments with **.05**.

All exam grading will be done by me in an anonymized fashion, one question at a time. Project grading is mainly focused on your project implementation efforts. Final grades will be curved in that I will shift the sum of the component scores (resulting from the above elements) by the same amount for everyone at the end of the course. Laptops and other mobile devices are not allowed during class.

In addition, the following Universities policies are to be obeyed:

University Policies

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 non-academic sanctions (including but not limited to university probation, suspension, or expulsion). 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/>

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If you have a temporary medical condition or injury, see guidelines at <http://www.colorado.edu/disabilityservices/go.cgi?select=temporary.html>

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, culture, religion, politics, sexual orientation, gender, gender variance, and nationalities. 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 http://www.colorado.edu/studentaffairs/judicialaffairs/code.html#student_code

Tentative Outline

Topics

1. Introduction
2. Private Equity (Ch.2)
3. Deal Sourcing (Ch.3)
4. Assigning Value (Ch.4)

Midterm (Feb 27th – to be confirmed)

5. Deal Structuring (Ch.5)
6. Governance (Ch.6)
7. Liquidity and Exits (Ch.7)
8. Final Project

Final Exam (per University schedule)