



ECON 3080-003  
Intermediate Macroeconomic Theory

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**Open**

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Appointments also

**Lecture:** MWF 905-955 am in MUEN E431

**INSTRUCTOR BIO:**

Dr. Mark Valkovci received his Doctorate in Economics from the University of Colorado Boulder in 2021. In his research he explores the economic impacts of environmental and labor policies, the political economy of pollution, and climate change. Mark enjoys teaching macroeconomics and environmental economics due not only to his personal interests in those areas, but also because the connections between the economy and the environment grow ever-more-important for the global society. In his free time, Mark enjoys being a huge nerd by reading books/comics, binge watching the shows/movies, and playing the board/video games of many fandoms. His favorite fandom is Star Wars, but he also spends time exploring the universes of Avatar the Last Airbender, Harry Potter, Doctor Who, Lucifer, Sherlock and the list grows each year.

**REQUIRED MATERIALS AND TEXTBOOK**

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*There are no required textbooks for this class. However, electronic versions or old copies of the following textbooks may be helpful:*

- Charles Jones' *Macroeconomics* (5<sup>th</sup> edition is newest, I use the 3<sup>rd</sup> edition)
- N. Gregory Mankiw's *Macroeconomics* (9<sup>th</sup> edition is newest, I use the 8<sup>th</sup> edition)
- Abel, Bernanke, and Croushore *Macroeconomics* (9<sup>th</sup> edition is newest, I use the 7<sup>th</sup> edition)

I teach using the above books (and others). The order in which we will progress through the material most closely aligns with the Charles Jones book.

Any supplemental materials or readings that are required will be provided by me and made available on Canvas when the reading is assigned.

**COURSE WEBSITE**

Canvas is our class website:

- Login using your University of Colorado Boulder identikey and password  
<https://canvas.colorado.edu/>

- Under Course List, click "ECON 3080-003: Inter. Macro Theory Spring 2022"
  - o Navigate to the recitations homepage in Canvas to find the recitation quizzes (graded) along with the worksheets
- Note: all email correspondence will be through your CU Boulder email address.
- Do not use the Canvas email or messages, it is not checked.

## **Covid-19 Safety Expectations**

Students are required by the university to adhere to the Covid-19 health and safety guidelines AT ALL TIMES. This means you must be wearing a mask that covers your nose and mouth simultaneously before entering the room, and it must remain on during the entire recitation period. Students must also maintain physical distancing of at least 6 feet at all times. Any students who feel ill may not come to class. Since there is no requirement for you to attend the in-person recitations, there is no need to put yourself or others at risk. Failure to comply with the University and classroom Covid policies will result in 15 points being subtracted from your final recitation grade *per infraction*. The penalties will be applied at the end of the semester. Any student repeatedly violating this code will be reported to University authorities, their department, and the honor council.

## **COURSE LAYOUT:**

Each week we will discuss and examine various macroeconomic theories, while delving into the mathematical principles behind them. The world of macroeconomics is incredibly complex, and you will learn that economists use assumptions and models in order to learn how the economy works. We will cover topics such as steady-state growth rates, the Ramey-Solow model, the role of innovation, capital and labor in the production of goods and services, and we attempt to measure all of these moving parts. A typical class will include a moderate amount of discussion on the topics and concepts presented in order to both solidify and expand student understanding of the material.

## **EVALUATION AND GRADING:**

Your final grade in this class is a weighted average of participation, homework assignments, midterms, a term paper, and a final exam. There will be 3 midterms (each will be smaller than a normal midterm). I drop the lowest midterm score at the end of the semester when determining your final grade in the course. The grading breakdown is as follows:

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| Participation | 10% | Every Lecture                             |
| Homework      | 15% | Every other week (approx 10 assignments)  |
| Midterms      | 35% | Once month (3 total)                      |
| Final         | 20% | Once a semester (Tues, 5/3 from 130-4 pm) |
| Term Paper    | 20% | Once a semester (Due Fri, 4/15)           |

I will not bump or round anyone's grade at the end of the semester for any reason. Any request for such will be ignored completely. If you believe an error has been made in your final grade, please contact me immediately so that I may remedy the situation.

### **UNIVERSITY POLICIES:**

#### **Accommodation for Disabilities**

If you qualify for accommodations because of a disability, please submit your accommodation letter from Disability Services to your faculty member in a timely manner so that your needs can be addressed. Disability Services determines the accommodations based on documented disabilities in the academic environment. Information on requesting accommodations is located on the Disability Services Website. Contact Disability Services at 303-492-8671 or [dsinfo@colorado.edu](mailto:dsinfo@colorado.edu) for further assistance. If you have a temporary medical condition or injury, see Temporary Medical Condition under the Students tab on Disability Services website

#### **Classroom Behavior**

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 disciplinary action. Professional courtesy and sensitivity are especially important when operating in online environments such as this classroom. For more information, see the policies on classroom behavior and the Student Code of Conduct.

#### **Honor Code**

All students enrolled in the University of Colorado Boulder are responsible for knowing and adhering to the Honor Code. Violations of the policy may include: plagiarism, cheating, fabrication, lying, bribery, threat, unauthorized access to academic materials, clicker fraud, submitting the same or similar work in more than one course without permission from *all* course instructors, and aiding academic dishonesty. All incidents of academic misconduct will be reported to the Honor Council ([honor@colorad.edu](mailto:honor@colorad.edu); 303-492-5550). Students found responsible for violating the academic integrity policy will be subject to nonacademic sanctions from the Honor Council as well as academic sanctions from the faculty member (me). Additional information regarding the Honor Code academic integrity policy can be found at the Honor Code Office Website.

#### **Religious Holidays**

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, please contact your instructor as soon as possible and no later than September 13th. See the campus policy regarding religious observances for more details.

#### **Sexual Misconduct, Discrimination, Harassment, and/or Related Retaliation**

The University of Colorado Boulder is committed to fostering a positive and welcoming learning, working, and living environment. CU Boulder will not tolerate acts of sexual misconduct, intimate partner abuse (including dating or domestic violence), stalking, or protected-class discrimination or harassment by members of our community. Individuals who believe they have been subject to misconduct or retaliatory actions for reporting a concern should contact the Office of Institutional

Equity and Compliance (OIEC) at 303-492-2127 or [cureport@colorado.edu](mailto:cureport@colorado.edu) Information about the OIEC, university policies, anonymous reporting, and the campus resources can be found at the OIEC website.

Please know that all faculty and instructors have a responsibility to inform OIEC when made aware of any incidents of sexual misconduct, discrimination, harassment, and/or related retaliation, to ensure that individuals impacted receive information about options for reporting and support resources.