

ECON 3080-005 INTERMEDIATE MACROECONOMIC THEORY

Fall 2009

Basic information:

Time and location: 12:30-1:45, Tuesday and Thursday, HUMN 1B80.

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Office: ECON 401.

Office hours: Thursday 1:45-3:15pm or by appointment.

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Course description:

This is a course in macroeconomics, which investigates the effects of aggregate decisions made by consumers and firms. In this course we will discuss issues relating to both long-run economic growth and short-run business cycles, and the role government can have in affecting each.

Prerequisites:

ECON 1000 or 2020; and either ECON 1078 and 1088, or MATH 1300, or MATH 1310, or MATH 1081, or MATH 1080, 1090, and 1100, or APPM 1350, or equivalent. Students who fail to meet these prerequisites are generally discouraged to take this course; if you, in this case, insist on getting enrolled, talk to me during the first week of the semester.

Textbook:

Macroeconomics by Charles Jones, W. W. Norton. 2008. See,

<http://www.amazon.com/Macroeconomics-Charles-Jones/dp/0393926389>

Grading:

Two midterms and a number of quizzes will be given in class. Midterm dates are September 29 (Tuesday) and November 10 (Tuesday). I will randomly choose five quizzes to grade. Each of midterm 1, midterm 2 and graded quizzes accounts for 30% of your total score. The lowest of the three will be dropped. There is no make-up for midterms or quizzes. I reserve the right to curve the scores or give extra credits.

A compulsory and cumulative final exam scheduled on December 16 (Wednesday), 1:30-4pm, accounts for 40% of your total score. The final exam will be administered in the same classroom. I will generally not allow you to take the final exam on an earlier or later date. This means that you have to make sure you have no other exams during that time. If you have three or more final examinations on that day, please have a talk with me no later than the end of the sixth week of the semester. In this case, you are expected to provide evidence that you have three or more examinations to qualify for exceptions.

A letter grade will be assigned according to your total score.

In the case of your own illness or injury, confirmation from a physician, physician's assistant, a nurse-practitioner, or a nurse is required. Be advised that the Wardenburg Health Center cannot provide such verification unless they have provided treatment and the student authorizes release of information to the instructor. Further, barring extraordinary circumstances, the confirmation must be available to me prior to the missed course event.

With regard to family emergencies, you must provide verifiable documentation of the emergency. Unless the emergency is critical you should notify me in advance of your absence from the scheduled course event. In cases of critical emergencies, you must notify me within one week of your absence.

For university-approved curricular and extra-curricular activities, verifiable documentation is also required. The student should obtain from the unit or department sponsoring the activity a letter (or class absence form) indicating the anticipated absence(s). The letter must be presented to me at least one week prior to the first absence.

If you miss either of the two midterms due to the above reasons and have provided qualified documentation, the other midterm will automatically account for 60%. If what you miss is any of the graded quizzes, the remainder will automatically account for 30%.

Additional notes:

Disability

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 may be addressed. Disability Services determines accommodations based on documented disabilities. Contact: 303-492-8671, Willard 322, and <http://www.Colorado.EDU/disabilityservices>

Religious holidays

Campus policy regarding religious observances requires that faculty make every effort to reasonably and fairly deal with all students who, because of religious obligations, have conflicts with scheduled exams, assignments or required attendance. If any of the scheduled exams in this syllabus conflicts with your religious holiday(s), notify me within the first week of classes so that I can accommodate you as reasonably as I can in accordance with the above stated policy.

Code of behavior

Students and faculty each have responsibility for maintaining an appropriate learning environment. Students who fail to adhere to such behavioral standards may be subject to discipline. See policies at <http://www.colorado.edu/policies/classbehavior.html> and at http://www.colorado.edu/studentaffairs/judicialaffairs/code.html#student_code

Honor code

Students who are found to be in violation of the academic integrity policy will be subject to both academic sanctions from me 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/>

Policy on discrimination and sexual harassment

The University of Colorado at Boulder policy on Discrimination and Harassment (<http://www.colorado.edu/policies/discrimination.html>), the University of Colorado policy on Sexual Harassment and the University of Colorado policy on Amorous Relationships applies to all students, staff and faculty. Any student, staff or faculty member who believes s/he has been the subject of discrimination or harassment based upon race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, religion, sexual orientation, or veteran status should contact the Office of Discrimination and Harassment (ODH) at 303-492-2127 or the Office of Judicial Affairs at 303-492-5550. Information about the ODH and the campus resources available to assist individuals regarding discrimination or harassment can be obtained at <http://www.colorado.edu/odh>