

**ECON 2010-600**  
**Principles of Microeconomics**  
**Syllabus**  
**Fall 2018**

**Instructor:** Avilia Bueno

**Class Meeting:** T-TH 9:30-10:45 CHEM 142

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**Office Hours:** T-TH 11:00-12:00 and by appointment

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### **Course Description**

Principles of Microeconomics is an introductory course aimed at introducing students to major economic concepts; including but not limited to scarcity, supply and demand, markets, trade, specialization, market failures, and government intervention. While applications of these topics will be discussed, the majority of the class will focus on establishing an understanding of basic theory.

### **Text**

We will use Principles of Microeconomics by N. Gregory Mankiw, 8th edition. Please note that this is an “inclusive access” course. What this means is that you have electronic access to your course materials immediately through Desire2Learn (D2L) if you are enrolled in the course. You do not need to go to the bookstore. You do not need to pay for them right now. Should you drop the course, you will not be billed for the materials. If you stay in the course, the CU Book Store will bill you for these materials on your tuition and fee bill at the guaranteed lowest price. This charge will occur at or near the drop/add date. The charge for these materials before tax will be: \$92.51. Although this is required course material, federal law mandates that you have the option of declining these materials. To do so, please visit: [www.cubookstore.com/optout](http://www.cubookstore.com/optout). 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.

### **Grading**

Clickers	10%
Midterms	60%
Recitation	20% (If Applicable)
Final	30%

### **Clickers**

You will also need an i>clicker. You can purchase it at the CU Bookstore, if you do not have one already. We will use clickers regularly to review examples and to solve problems, beginning the

second week of class. You will receive one point for participating in each clicker question. Your lowest three clicker grades for the semester will be dropped. Please note that it is considered cheating to bring a classmate's clicker to class. If you are caught with more than one clicker, you will be asked to leave class for the day and you and the classmate(s) whose clicker you have will receive a 0 for the semester clicker grade.

Please make sure to register your clicker at <https://cuconnect.colorado.edu/uPortal/index.jsp>. Failure to register your clicker will result in a score of zero for all clicker questions.

### **Midterms**

There will be 3 multiple choice midterms. Each midterm will be worth 20%. The lowest midterm score will be dropped when calculating class grades. Student or government issued IDs must be taken to all the midterms. Students who enter their ID number incorrectly on the exam will lose 5 percentage points. Your lowest midterm score will be replaced with your recitation grade (if your recitation grade is higher). THERE WILL BE NO MAKE-UP EXAMS. If you cannot take an exam because of an emergency or other commitment, you can drop the zero and replace it with your recitation grade. Your recitation grade CANNOT replace the final exam.

### **Recitation**

Recitation begins the second week of classes. Recitation grades will be based on a combination of attendance and homework. Leaving early will result in no credit for the day unless there was prior approval by the TA. Arriving between 5 and 10 minutes late will result in half credit for the day and arriving after 10 minutes late will result in no credit for the day. Homework will be done on MindTap, and will generally be due every Sunday at 11:59 PM. I will try to announce whenever homework is due at a different time, but it is your responsibility to check online. To access the homework, go to the course D2L page, go to the table of contents, choose "MindTap Resources", and then click "MindTap and ebook access." Working with others is allowed. No late work will be accepted. The lowest homework score will be dropped. There is no makeup policy. Specific questions about the homework should be addressed to your TA. More details regarding recitation grading will be provided by your TA.

### **Final**

The final will be multiple choice and cumulative. Student or government issued IDs must be taken to the final. University policy allows students who have more than three finals to reschedule the last final of the day. If students wish to reschedule a final, they must inform me by November 2.

### **Tentative Schedule**

Chapter 1: Ten Principles of Economics

Chapter 2: Thinking Like an Economist

Chapter 3: Interdependence and the Gains From Trade

Chapter 4: The Market Forces of Supply and Demand

Chapter 5: Elasticity and Its Application

**Midterm 1** Mid-September

Chapter 6: Supply, Demand, and Government Policies

Chapter 7: Consumers, Producers, and the Efficiency of Markets

Chapter 8: The Costs of Taxation

Chapter 9: International Trade

**Midterm 2** Mid-October

Chapter 10: Externalities

Chapter 11: Public Goods and Common Resources

Chapter 13: The Costs of Production

Chapter 14: Firms in Competitive Markets

**Midterm 3** Mid-November

Chapter 15: Monopoly

Chapter 16: Monopolistic Competition

Chapter 17: Oligopoly

Chapter 12: The Design of the Tax System (Time permitting)

**Final:** Sunday December 16- 4:30pm-7:00pm

**Cheating**

Cheating on exams will include, but not be limited to, looking at others' work, talking to others, accessing electronic devices (including unapproved calculators), and sharing work with others. Students that need to use the restroom during an exam may be escorted by TAs or the instructor. Students caught cheating on an exam will receive an F for the course. Students who have their work copied on an exam will receive the same punishment unless they are able to prove they took reasonable steps to prevent the cheating. Students will also be reported to the Honor Council for further disciplinary action.

**Class Policies**

Laptops are allowed in class. However, they can only be used to access material related to class. Students using their laptops for other purposes will be asked to store them away. Earbuds and headphones are not allowed. Excessive cell phone use is not allowed. Students who fail to follow these policies will be asked to leave and receive a 0 for the day.

**Additional Information**

### *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 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 reasonably and fairly deal with all students who, because of religious obligations, have conflicts with scheduled exams, assignments, or required attendance. If you have a conflict, please contact me at the beginning of the term so we can make proper arrangements.

### *Classroom Behavior Policy*

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. Faculty has the professional responsibility to treat all students with understanding, dignity and respect, to guide classroom discussion and to set reasonable limits on the manner in which they and their students

express opinions. Professional courtesy and sensitivity are especially important with respect to individuals and topics dealing with differences of race, culture, religion, politics, sexual orientation, 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\\_cod](http://www.colorado.edu/studentaffairs/judicialaffairs/code.html#student_cod)

### *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](mailto:honor@colorado.edu); 303-725-2273).

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 [honorcode.colorado.edu](http://honorcode.colorado.edu) or <http://www.colorado.edu/policies/honor.html>.

### *Discrimination & 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>.