

ECON 3070-020 : Intermediate Microeconomic Theory

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Syllabus

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Course Meetings Monday, Wednesday, Friday 12:40-1:30 PM

Zoom See Canvas - Course Home Page - Module “Course Information”

Office Hours Monday and Wednesday 11:00 AM-12:30 PM

Zoom Please sign up for a time slot through the link on Canvas under Module “Course Information” (Canvas - Course Home Page - Module “Course Information”)

You will get a confirmation email with a Zoom link in it.

You can cancel or reschedule the meeting through links in this confirmation email.

TA Corey Woodruff

Contact

Office Hours

Course Info

Description This course introduces the theoretical framework for analyzing the economic behavior of individual decision-makers, such as consumers, workers, and firms. The course will be divided roughly into 3 parts. The first will be an introduction to microeconomics, along with a review of supply and demand. The second part will be a discussion of consumer and firm behavior in competitive markets, along with an analysis of these markets. The third part of this course, we will relax some of the assumptions built into our model of competitive markets and consider cases where these assumptions do not hold.

Prerequisites ECON 2010 AND one of ECON 1088, MATH 1081, MATH 1300, MATH 1310, APPM 1350, or FNCE 2010 with a minimum grade of C-.

Textbook

Microeconomics with MyLab, 9th Edition, by Pindyck and Rubinfeld, Pearson Publishing, ISBN 9780134153988. Students are required to have access to MyLab (which includes an eBook) at a minimum and can optionally choose to purchase a paper text. MyLab is where you will read your textbook and complete some graded assignments. You will access MyLab through our course website on Canvas.

Proctorio

To take the midterm exams and the final exam, you will be required to use Proctorio, an online proctoring tool. Proctorio allows students to complete an assessment at a remote location, such as their home, while

helping to ensure the integrity of the exam. There is no cost to use this tool but you need to have a computer with a functioning webcam and microphone or have access to a computer with a functioning webcam microphone to complete your exams.

Please read “Proctoring Information” to set up Proctorio and finish “Proctorio Practice Exam (Remotely Proctored)” under module “Course Information”. If you have technical difficulties with this practice exam, email me immediately. If you do not complete the practice exam by January 31st (two weeks prior to the first exam week) and have technical difficulties that prevent you from completing the midterms or final, you will receive a zero for that exam.

Class Emails and Announcements

To make sure you receive class emails and announcements:

1. Update Canvas email address: Use the “account” link, where your photo shows, on the left tool bar to update your email and notification settings. Make sure you have all announcements notify you “immediately” because important course information may be shared through announcements.
2. Update University email: <https://oit.colorado.edu/identikey-accounts/students> to make sure that the address is the one you regularly check.

Course Structure and Grading Policy

Each Monday we will unlock one module on **Canvas**. Under each module, there are links to early module assignments, practice problems (named as Homework in MyLab), and graded problems (named as Quizzes Tests in MyLab). In general,

- **early module assignments** are due on **Mondays** at 11:00 AM;
- **graded problems** is due on **Sundays** at 11:00 PM
- **practice problems** are set to due on **Fridays** at 11:00 PM as reminders, though they are not graded

Lectures and recitations will be held over **Zoom** during **scheduled time**.

Early module assignments

These assignments are Canvas quizzes that are designed to provide a review of math and principles-level material that will be useful for introducing the material covered in lecture each week. There are two attempts for each quiz and the grade will be the average of these two attempts. Early module assignments will generally be due on Mondays at 11:00 AM. Late submissions and make-ups will not be allowed. If you experience any difficulties (for example, Canvas is not working) you should notify me before an assignment is due. I will drop two lowest early module grades at the end of the semester.

Lectures

Lectures will be held over Zoom during our scheduled class time. You are expected to attend lectures and you are responsible for any announcement or instructions given in class. You are encouraged and welcome to ask questions at any time but please behave in an appropriate and respectful manner. All Zoom lectures will be recorded.

Recitations

Starting from January 20 (Wednesday), you will meet weekly with the TA for this course. The goal of recitation is to ask questions, review concepts, and practice with the material. Your TA will determine how grades are assigned. Please refer to TA's announcement.

Homework

There are links on Canvas leading you to MyLab to finish and submit homework. The homework assignments will consist of problems designed to re-enforce material covered during lecture and to prepare you for the types of questions you will answer on exams. Homework assignments will generally be due on Fridays at 11:00 PM. Late submissions and make-ups will not be allowed. If you experience any difficulties (for example, MyLab is not working) you should notify me before an assignment is due. I will drop the lowest homework grade at the end of the semester.

Exams

On the following dates and times the midterms and final exam will be held:

- Midterm 1: Friday, February 19. 12:25-13:45 PM
- Midterm 2: Friday, March 19. 12:25-13:45 PM
- Midterm 3: Friday, April 23. 12:25-13:45 PM
- Final: Final schedule will be made by the university and is usually posted midsemester.

Exams will be timed and need to be proctored using Proctorio. For each midterm exam, you will have 50 minutes to finish but you need to finish it before 13:45 PM on the exam day. You are expected to start the exam at or before 12:40 PM so you will have enough time (at least 15 minutes) to set up Proctorio and have 50 minutes left to finish the exam. **If you don't have about 65 minutes available during 12:25-13:45 PM on exam days listed above, please contact me as soon as possible, but no later than January 31.** A Proctorio practice exam is available under module "Course Information" on our Canvas course page.

Midterms are not cumulative by design; however, the material in this course naturally builds on previous material. The final exam covers all the material taught in this course.

You must take the final exam in this course; failure to do so will result in a failing grade. In the case that a midterm exam is missed, it will counted as your lowest midterm, which is dropped.

Grading

Your grade will be determined by the following components and weights:

Early Modules	5%
Recitation	5%
Homework	15%
Highest Midterm	25%
2nd Highest Midterm	20%
Lowest Midterm	0%
Final Exam	30%

The average grade will be curved to be about 80. The size of this curve will not be known until after all components of the course have been graded. I will not under any circumstances change or bump up any individual grades at the end of the semester. If you think there is any mistakes, please reach out immediately; however, the grade you earn will be final. I will not respond to requests to individually bump up grades at the end of the semester.

Course Policies

Communication Outside of lectures, you are always welcome to contact me through email or come to office hours! However, if the questions have been addressed in this syllabus or in our Canvas course pages, I will just refer you back to this file or those pages. **I really appreciate if you check this syllabus and our Canvas course page before emailing me.**

I check my emails regularly and will usually respond within 24 hours (48 hours on weekends). If you have not received a response to your email within 48 hours, please email me again. Always be sure to use your university email address because sometimes gmail and yahoo email accounts are filtered into the spam folder. I will occasionally distribute information through official university email; thus, **it is expected that you regularly check your university email address.**

Intellectual Property All course materials are the property of the instructor and may not be shared with any individual outside of the course at any time for any reason without permission in writing from the instructor. Course materials, including but not limited to lecture presentation slides, assignments, grading rubrics, exams, discussion posts, and recitation activities, may not be posted to any website (e.g., Course Hero or similar sites, social media, etc.). The same applies to any audio or video recordings of lecture or recitation. A violation of this policy will be treated as a violation of the academic integrity policy.

University Policies

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>.

COVID-19: As a matter of public health and safety due to the pandemic, all members of the CU Boulder community and all visitors to campus must follow university, department and building requirements, and public health orders in place to reduce the risk of spreading infectious disease. Required safety measures at CU Boulder relevant to the classroom setting include:

- maintain 6-foot distancing when possible,
- wear a face covering in public indoor spaces and outdoors while on campus consistent with state and county health orders,
- clean local work area,
- practice hand hygiene,
- follow public health orders, and
- if sick and you live off campus, do not come onto campus (unless instructed by a CU Healthcare professional), or if you live on-campus, please alert CU Boulder Medical Services.

Students who fail to adhere to these requirements will be asked to leave class, and students who do not leave class when asked or who refuse to comply with these requirements will be referred to Student Conduct and Conflict Resolution. For more information, see the policies on COVID-19 Health and Safety and classroom behavior and the Student Code of Conduct. If you require accommodation because a disability prevents you from fulfilling these safety measures, please see the “Accommodation for Disabilities” statement on this syllabus.

Before returning to campus, all students must complete the COVID-19 Student Health and Expectations Course. Before coming on to campus each day, all students are required to complete a Daily Health Form.

Students who have tested positive for COVID-19, have symptoms of COVID-19, or have had close contact with someone who has tested positive for or had symptoms of COVID-19 must stay home and complete the Health Questionnaire and Illness Reporting Form remotely.

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. If you have a conflict, please contact me at the beginning of the term so that we can make proper arrangements.

Classroom Behavior Policy: 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, and gender expression, age, disability, 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.

Discrimination and Harrasment Policy: The University of Colorado at Boulder Discrimination and Harrasment Policy and Procedures, the University of Colorado Sexual Harrasment 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 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 nonacademic sanctions (including but not limited to university probation, suspension, or expulsion).