

Syllabus for Principles of Macroeconomics (Econ 2020-010) - Spring 2008

**Instructors:**

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**Class Meeting Times:**

MWF 9:00am-9:50am HLMS 201

**Final Exam**

Wednesday, May 7<sup>th</sup> 1:30 – 4:00pm, HLMS 201

**Office Location:**

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This is the best way to contact me, if you won't get a reply within 24 hours please assume that I didn't get your email and resend it.

**Class Website:**

<http://webfiles.colorado.edu/tische/econ2020/index.html>

This is instructor's web page. Relevant material to the course will be posted here.

**Office Hours:**

**Rob**

Monday 10:00am - 12:00pm

Tuesday 12:30pm - 1:30pm

Thursday 12:30pm - 1:30pm

By appointment

**Debbie**

MW 12-12:50

## Course Description and Objectives:

Provides an overview of the economy, examining the flows of resources and outputs and the factors determining the levels of income and prices. Explores policy problems of inflation, unemployment, and economic growth.

## Recitation

Your recitation instructor is Debbie Baker (deborah.baker\_at\_colorado.edu). Recitation meetings start the second week of classes. Attendance in recitation is mandatory and attendance will be taken. You will learn new material in recitation and your performance will count 25% of your grade.

## Textbook:

Required Text: Mankiw, N. Gregory, (2007), *Principles of Macroeconomics*, 4th Edition, Thomson South-Western.

## Calculator Note:

**You may not use a graphing calculator on any exam.**

## Grading:

Grades will be determined on the basis of your performance on 4 examinations and recitation. Your lowest exam grade will be dropped and the other three will count as 75% of your grade. The recitation grade is worth 25% of your over all grade.

The examinations will be administered on February 18, March 17, April 14 and May 7 in class. Each test is worth 25% of the course grade. The examinations are not cumulative and will cover only the material since the previous test.

The final exam is scheduled for **May 7<sup>th</sup> (Wed.)** from **1:30 to 4 pm**. If you have three final exams scheduled for this day, and this is the last of your exams, you can take the final on another day. Please speak with me as soon as possible if this is the case.

100-93% A      73-76% C

90-92% A-      70-72% C-

87-89% B+      67-69% D+

83-86% B      63-66% D

80-82% B-      60-62% D-

77-79% C+      below 60% F

4 Examinations (Drop the lowest) – 25% each of total  
Recitation - 25% of total

**Make-Up Exams:**

There will be NO make-up homework assignments, quizzes, or exams for this class. If you miss more than one examination with a documented excuse, the weight given your other exams will be increased accordingly.

**Tentative Course Schedule:**

Week of	Course Material	Topics	Exam
1/14	Introduction		
1/21	Chapter 4	Supply and Demand	
1/28	Chapter 5 and 6	Elasticity and Application Supply, Demand and Government Policy	
2/4	Chapter 10	Measuring the Nation's Income	
2/11	Chapter 11	Measuring the Cost of Living	
2/18	Chapter 12	Production and Growth	Exam 1 (2/18)
2/25	Chapter 15	Unemployment	
3/3	Chapter 16	The Monetary System	
3/10	Chapter 17	Money Growth and Inflation	
3/17	Chapter 20	Aggregate Demand and Aggregate Supply	Exam 2 (3/17)
3/24	-	Spring Break (no classes)	
3/31	Chapter 21	Influence of Monetary and Fiscal Policy	

4/7	Chapter 22	Short-run Trade-off Between Inflation/Unemployment	
4/14	Chapter 18	Open-Economy Macro-Basics	Exam 3 (4/14)
4/21	Chapter 19	Macro Theory of the Open Economy	
4/28	Review		-
Exam 4 on May 7 <sup>th</sup> from 1:30-4 pm			

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**Expectations of Classroom Behavior:**

Students and faculty each have responsibility for maintaining an appropriate learning environment. Students who fail to adhere to behavioral standards may be subject to discipline. Faculty have the professional responsibility to treat students with understanding, dignity and respect, to guide classroom discussion and to set reasonable limits on the manner in which students express opinions. See policies at <http://www.colorado.edu/policies/classbehavior.html> and at [http://www.colorado.edu/studentaffairs/judicialaffairs/code.html#student\\_code](http://www.colorado.edu/studentaffairs/judicialaffairs/code.html#student_code)

**Absences:**

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. Please notify me as soon as possible so that the proper arrangements can be made. Students can see full details at [http://www.colorado.edu/policies/fac\\_relig.html](http://www.colorado.edu/policies/fac_relig.html)

**Disabilities Statement:**

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>.

Time extensions for exams must be approved by me prior to the exam. If you have not talked to me personally prior to the exam you will not be granted an extension.

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Frequently Asked Questions can be found at  
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