

ECON 2020-020

Principles of Macroeconomics

Spring 2009

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Recitations: recitation attendance is mandatory.

Recitation begins the second week of the class. [Tuesday January 20th]

021	2:00-2:50	T	ECON 16
022	8:00-8:50	R	HALE 260
023	2:00-2:50	M	EDUC 134
024	2:00-2:50	W	CLRE 301

Information: No class

Martin Luther King Day : Monday, January 19th.

Spring Break: Week of March 23rd.

Textbook:[Required]

Mankiw, N. Gregory (2008) *Principles of Macroeconomics (5th Edition)*
[South-Western Cengage Learning]

Prerequisites:

ECON 2010 Principles of Microeconomics.

Course Description and Objectives:

Economics is the study of how people, firms, and societies choose to allocate scarce resources, hence, economics is a social science as it analyzes what choices people make. Economics can be broken down into Microeconomics and Macroeconomics. This course is the companion course to Principles of Microeconomics (ECON 2010). Macroeconomics is the branch of economics that analyzes the economy as a whole. Macroeconomics examines the economic behavior of aggregates, such as income, employment, output, etc., that determine national output/product. This course will focus on the calculation of major macroeconomic variables, the analysis of key economic models, and on government policy tools. The main goal for this course is to improve your economic literacy and to provide insight into the actions and consequences of government policy makers and economic institutions, such as Congress and the Federal Reserve.

Grading:

Midterm 1:	15% [Monday February 2]
Midterm 2:	20% [Monday March 2]
Midterm 3:	20% [Monday April 6]
Cumulative Final	30% [Saturday May 2 1:30-4:00 PM]
Recitation:	10%
Attendance:	5%
+ Extra credit in-class assignments	

Score	Grade	Score	Grade
93- 100 %	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

Exams

1. There will be **NO make-up exam for this class without a formal document.**
2. **If you have 3 or more final exams on the same day, you are entitled to arrange an alternative exam time for the last exam scheduled on that day. To qualify for rescheduling final exam times, you must provide evidence that you have 3 or more exams on the same day, and **you must make arrangements no later than the 6th week of the semester [Week of February 15th, 2009.]****
3. I will announce before each exam the topics that will be covered. All exams will be held in the usual classroom (**HALE 230**)

Tentative Course Schedule

The following schedule is subject to change. Since exam dates are fixed, they will cover only the material that has been finished.

Week of	Chapter(s)
12-Jan	ch 1 and ch 2
19-Jan	ch 10
26-Jan	ch 11
2-Feb	Mid 1 (Monday Feb 2) ch 12 (ch 13)
9-Feb	ch 13
16-Feb	ch 14
23-Feb	ch 15
2-Mar	Mid 2 (Monday Mar 2) ch 16
9-Mar	ch 16 and ch 17
16-Mar	ch 18 and ch 19
23-Mar	Spring Break
30-Mar	ch 19
6-Apr	Mid 3 (Monday April 6) and ch 20
13-Apr	ch 20 and ch 21
20-Apr	ch 21 and ch 22
27-Apr	ch 22 + (International Trade: Basic)
	2-May (Saturday) FINAL 1:30-4:00 PM

Other Information

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 (horror@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 <http://www.colorado.edu/policies/hono.html> and at <http://www.colorado.edu/academics/honorcode/>

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 has 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 a http://www.colorado.edu/studentaffairs/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 inform 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