

Econ 3070-050 Intermediate Microeconomics

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Course Information

Course Website: <https://canvas.colorado.edu/>

Required 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 graded assignments. You will access MyLab through our course website on Canvas.

Prerequisites: ECON 2010 and ECON 1088 or MATH 1081 or MATH 1300 or MATH 1310 or APPM1350 or FENC 2010 (all min grade C-)

Course 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 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. In the final 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.

Course Policies

Teaching Philosophy

Learning happens at the intersection of student, peers, and teacher. I promise to bring energy, excitement, and passion to each lecture and meeting. Since this is an upper division course expect to learn a lot and cover challenging material, but know that you would not be here if you were not capable of mastering the material. Most students need to be exposed to a concept **five** times before it clicks. Below are some ways you can get that exposure.

Provided by Instructor	Not Provided by Instructor
Attend Lecture	Read Textbook
Complete Homework	Meet With Group/Friends
Attend Office Hours	Meet With Tutor
Complete Canvas Practices	

General Policies

- Class time will be used for a synchronous lecture over Zoom and then in-person lectures later on in the semester.
- Attendance is not required, but is strongly encouraged.
- Please allow up to 24 hours for an email response. Plan accordingly.
- No make-up assignments, quizzes, or exams will be given.
- Your two lowest homework assignment grades and two lowest early module assignments and lowest midterm score are automatically dropped.
- You do not need to provide any kind of doctor's note for absences. Make sure to take care of yourself and those around you. If you find yourself needing more than the automatic drops, we will schedule a meeting to discuss how to evaluate your understanding of the material.
- **We will transition to in person meetings at some point during the semester.**
- New homework assignments for the week will be posted before the end of the business day each Thursday.
- Exams, when they happen, will be **taken during a Thursday class period**. All due dates are fixed in the calendar.

Lectures

- Lectures will be held over Zoom at first and later on in our assigned classroom during our scheduled class time. Please call into any Zoom meeting by manually typing in the Zoom ID, clicking on the hyperlink at the start of this syllabus or the link on Canvas.
- All Zoom meetings will be recorded.

Grades

- Your course grade will be constructed based on the below rubric.

Early Module Assignment: 5%	MyLab Assignment: 15%
Midterm: 45%	Final: 35%

- Grades will be uploaded to canvas as assignments are graded.
- I will not curve any individual assignment or quiz, but I may apply a curve at the end of the course.

Recitation

- Recitation is designed to be a low stake learning environment where you get guided practice and group work. It is extremely valuable.
- There is no separate recitation score.
- While recitation is not explicitly included in the score for the course, failure to regularly participate in recitation will result in your letter grade in the course dropping.
- Your TA has complete authority to set the standard for sufficient participation.

Early Module Assignment

- These are low stakes Canvas quizzes designed to refresh and stimulate your mind in preparation for the week's material.
- The assignments are short, so you only have 30 minutes to complete them. You get two tries for each quiz.
- Your two lowest assignment scores are dropped
- There will be an assignment due **before Tuesday's** class every week, including exam weeks, starting 1/18/2021.
- Working in groups on these is encouraged.

MyLab Assignment (Homework)

- These are medium stakes online curated assignments done through Pearson MyLab.
- Starting 1/29/2020 these assignments will be due every week Friday at 11:00 pm MT.
- Each week I will post the homework assignment and the practice assignment.
- The practice assignment is worth no points and can be submitted at any time (ignore the due date for the practice assignment).
- You only get **one attempt per graded assignment**, but some **questions** allow two attempts.
- Working in groups on these is encouraged.

Exams

- We will have 3 midterms.
- The midterms are taken during class on 2/18/2021, 3/18/2021, 4/22/2021.
- If you will not be able to take a midterm for **university sponsored content**, you **must** meet with me at the **start of the semester**.
- Final: The final is cumulative. It will have a similar format to the midterms.
- Final: Date TBD
- Both: **Midterms and the final are designed for the student to take individually. Students cannot seek outside help, use their notes, or search the internet for answers.**

Cheating

- Don't do it.
- If you cheat, you will earn a 0 for the midterm/final and you will be reported to the Honor Code Council.

- The second instance of cheating will result in the student failing the course and another Honor Council report.

University Policies

CLASSROOM BEHAVIOR

Both students and faculty are responsible for maintaining an appropriate learning environment in all instructional settings, whether in person, remote or online. 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 race, color, national origin, sex, pregnancy, age, disability, creed, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, veteran status, political affiliation or political philosophy. For more information, see the policies on [classroom behavior](#) and the [Student Code of Conduct](#).

REQUIREMENTS FOR 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. In this class, if you are sick or quarantined and are unable to complete one of the quizzes, please let me know in advance. You do not need to explain the reason. If you let me know you cannot take one of the quizzes I will not inquire further. If you miss more than two quizzes we will meet to discuss your status in the course.

ACCOMMODATION FOR DISABILITIES

If you qualify for accommodations because of a disability, please submit your accommodation letter from Disability Services to your faculty member in a timely manner so that your needs can be addressed. Disability Services determines accommodations based on documented disabilities in the academic environment. Information on requesting accommodations is located on the [Disability Services website](#). Contact Disability Services at 303-492-8671 or dsinfo@colorado.edu for further assistance. If you have a temporary medical condition, see [Temporary Medical Conditions](#) on the Disability Services website.

PREFERRED STUDENT NAMES AND PRONOUNS

CU Boulder recognizes that students' legal information doesn't always align with how they identify. Students may update their preferred names and pronouns via the student portal; those preferred names and pronouns are listed on instructors' class rosters. In the absence of such updates, the name that appears on the class roster is the student's legal name.

HONOR CODE

All students enrolled in a University of Colorado Boulder course are responsible for knowing and adhering to the Honor Code. Violations of the policy may include: plagiarism, cheating, fabrication, lying, bribery, threat, unauthorized access to academic materials, clicker fraud, submitting the same or similar work in more than one course without permission from all course instructors involved, and aiding academic dishonesty. All incidents of academic misconduct will be reported to the Honor Code (honor@colorado.edu); 303-492-5550). Students found responsible for violating the academic integrity policy will be subject to nonacademic sanctions from the Honor Code as well as academic sanctions from the faculty member. Additional information regarding the Honor Code academic integrity policy can be found at the [Honor Code Office website](#).

SEXUAL MISCONDUCT, DISCRIMINATION, HARASSMENT AND/OR RELATED RETALIATION

The University of Colorado Boulder (CU Boulder) is committed to fostering an inclusive and welcoming learning, working, and living environment. CU Boulder will not tolerate acts of sexual misconduct (harassment, exploitation, and assault), intimate partner violence (dating or domestic violence), stalking, or protected-class discrimination or harassment by members of our community. Individuals who believe they have been subject to misconduct or retaliatory actions for reporting a concern should contact the Office of Institutional Equity and Compliance (OIEC) at 303-492-2127 or cureport@colorado.edu. Information about the OIEC, university policies, [anonymous reporting](#), and the campus resources can be found on the [OIEC website](#).

Please know that faculty and instructors have a responsibility to inform OIEC when made aware of incidents of sexual misconduct, dating and domestic violence, stalking, discrimination, harassment and/or related retaliation, to ensure that individuals impacted receive information about options for reporting and support resources.

RELIGIOUS HOLIDAYS

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.

See the [campus policy regarding religious observances](#) for full details.