

ECON 3080-200 INTERMEDIATE MACROECONOMIC THEORY  
Summer 2008

**Basic information:**

Time and location: 11:00-12:35, M-F, ECON 117

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**Course description:**

This is a course in macroeconomics, which investigates the effects of aggregate decisions made by consumers and firms. In this course we will discuss issues relating to both long-run economic growth and short run business cycles, and the role government can have in affecting each. At the end of the semester, you would have a thorough understanding of how the economy actually works.

**Prerequisites:**

ECON 1000 or 2020; and either ECON 1078 and 1088, or MATH 1300, or MATH 1310, or MATH 1081, or MATH 1080, 1090, and 1100, or APPM 1350, or equivalent. Consult your adviser if you have questions regarding prerequisites.

**Textbook:**

Macroeconomics by Charles Jones, W. W. Norton. 2008

<http://www.amazon.com/Macroeconomics-Charles-Jones/dp/0393926389>

**Grading:**

(1) Each of midterm 1, midterm 2, and assignments accounts for 30%. The lowest of the three will be dropped.

There is no make-up for midterms. If you miss either of the two midterms for any reason, the other midterm and assignments will automatically account for 60%. Ordinarily, missing both midterms for any reason will cause a fail grade.

Assignments take the form of either in-class assignment or homework. There is no make-up for in-class assignment. Late homework is not acceptable. There might be exceptions, see the "Policy regarding emergencies and special events" below.

(2) Final exam (40%). It is compulsory and cumulative.

All exams are held in class (the same time and location). Exam dates are:

Midterm 1: July 17 (Thursday)

Midterm 2: July 28 (Monday)

Final: August 8 (Friday)

I will generally not allow you to take the final exam on an earlier or later date. This means that you have to make sure you have no other exams on August 8 during the class time.

**Policy regarding emergencies and special events**

In the case of your own illness or injury, confirmation from a physician, physician's assistant, a nurse-practitioner, or a nurse is required. Be advised that Wardenburg Health Center cannot provide such verification unless they have provided treatment and the student authorizes release of information to the

instructor. Further, barring extraordinary circumstances, the confirmation must be available to the instructor prior to the missed course event.

With regard to family emergencies, you must provide verifiable documentation of the emergency. Given the vast array of family emergencies the instructor will provide precise guidance as to what constitutes adequate documentation. Unless the emergency is critical you should notify the instructor in advance of your absence from the scheduled course event. In cases of critical emergencies, you must notify the instructor within one week of your absence.

For University-approved curricular and extra-curricular activities, verifiable documentation is also required. The student should obtain from the unit or department sponsoring the activity a letter (or class absence form) indicating the anticipated absence(s). The letter must be presented to the instructor at least one week prior to the first absence.

### **Additional Notes:**

#### *Disability*

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>

#### *Religious Holidays*

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 any of the scheduled exams in this syllabus conflicts with your religious holiday(s), notify me within the first week of classes so that I can accommodate you as reasonably as I can in accordance with the above stated policy.

#### *Code of Behavior*

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 have 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\\_code](http://www.colorado.edu/studentaffairs/judicialaffairs/code.html#student_code)

#### *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 <http://www.colorado.edu/policies/honor.html> and at <http://www.colorado.edu/academics/honorcode/>

*Policy on Discrimination and Sexual Harassment*

The University of Colorado at Boulder policy on Discrimination and Harassment

(<http://www.colorado.edu/policies/discrimination.html>), the University of Colorado policy on Sexual Harassment and the University of Colorado policy on Amorous Relationships applies to all students, staff and faculty. Any student, staff or faculty member who believes s/he has been the subject of discrimination or harassment based upon race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, religion, sexual orientation, or veteran status should contact the Office of Discrimination and Harassment (ODH) at 303-492-2127 or the Office of Judicial Affairs at 303-492-5550. Information about the ODH and the campus resources available to assist individuals regarding discrimination or harassment can be obtained at <http://www.colorado.edu/odh>

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