

Economics 3080  
Intermediate Macroeconomics  
Spring 2019 Syllabus, Part 1

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**Office Hours:** MW right after class + MW 2:00-3:00 and by appointment. Email me a previous day or tell me after class if you plan to come in the 2:00-3:00 block of time.

**NOTE: YOU WILL AUTOMATICALLY GET AN F IF YOU MISS MORE THAN 7 DAYS OF CLASS**

**No use of electronics is allowed during class. Our TA, Gon Kim, will help enforce this policy.**

**THERE WILL BE NO CLASS ON MLK DAY JANUARY 21, NOR ON MONDAY MARCH 11** (I'll be out of town.) However, there may be online assignments due then.

### **Description**

Macroeconomics is the study of how all the different aspects of the economy interact to determine outcomes for the economy as a whole. Studying macroeconomics is essential for understanding economic events in the news and economic policy debates--including when people are wrong.

### **Prerequisites**

Economics 3080 builds on the understanding you gained 2010 and 2020, Principles of Micro and Macro. There is no official recommendation on this, but I personally recommend that you take Economics 3070 before taking Economics 3080.

### **Course Readings and Course Squarespace Website**

**Handouts, Exercises and Blog Posts** on <https://blog.supplysideliberal.com/intermediate-macro>

**Wall Street Journal** (15 weeks for \$15): google "wall street journal student digital pack"

**Textbook:** (online access is included in your Sapling registration) **Mankiw, N. Gregory, *Macroeconomics*** (10<sup>th</sup> edition, 2019).

**Sapling Online Pre-Class and Post-Class Homework for the Mankiw textbook is open for student registration.** *Instructions for signing up are on the course squarespace website* <https://blog.supplysideliberal.com/intermediate-macro> and here:

### **Signing up for Sapling—which includes the textbook:**

- Go to [www.saplinglearning.com/login](http://www.saplinglearning.com/login) to log in or create an account.
- Under Enroll in a new course, you should see Courses at [Your College]. Click to expand this list and see courses arranged by subject. Click on a subject to see the terms that courses are available.
- Click on the term to expand the menu further (note that Semester 1 refers to the first course in a sequence and not necessarily the first term of the school year).
- Once the menus are fully expanded, you'll see a link to a specific course. If this is indeed the course you'd like to register for, click the link.
- To access your eBook click on the image of the cover on the right sidebar of your course site. Create an account or log in with an existing Macmillan Learning eBook account.

- Need Help? Our technical support team can be reached by phone, chat, or by email via the Student Support Community. To contact support please open a service request by filling out the webform: <https://macmillan.force.com/macmillanlearning/s/contactsupport>.
- The following link includes more detailed instructions on how to register for your course: <https://macmillan.force.com/macmillanlearning/s/article/Sapling-Learning-Registering-for-courses>.

I recommend that you bookmark both the Squarespace website and the Sapling website to make it easy to return to (but note the URL will look different due to security measures).

For the benefit of students who join the class late, the official due date for the first 4 assignments has been delayed until 11 PM on Thursday, January 24. These assignments are not yet available; they will be soon.

### Course Requirements and Grading

Sapling Assignments	15%
i-clicker:	10%
weekly blog posts	15%
1 <sup>st</sup> Midterm:	15%
2d Midterm:	15%
Final exam:	30%

The course will be graded on a curve, following departmental guidelines. So don't worry if an exam seems hard—it probably seems hard to your classmates as well.

**ALSO: IF YOU MISS MORE THAN 7 CLASSES, YOU GET AN AUTOMATIC FAILING GRADE**

**+ Honor Code Policy: A determination of cheating will result in an automatic failing grade.**

Your first blog post will be due at 11 PM Sunday, January 27. Don't wait until the last minute! I'll give more instructions on this in the Wednesday, January 23 class. The course Squarespace website <https://blog.supplysideliberal.com/intermediate-macro> has additional written instructions.

### EXAM SCHEDULE

*Midterm exams will be held in class on Wed., February 20, and Wed., April 3. The final exam for this class is on Sunday, May 5, from 1:30 PM to 4:00 PM, in our regular room.*

***Attendance at all the exams is required—there will be no make-up exams.***

**TA—Kyoung-Gon Kim:** [Kyounggon.Kim@colorado.edu](mailto:Kyounggon.Kim@colorado.edu) Please address administrative questions (such as the need to alternative exam arrangements) first to Gon.

**Course Outline:** I will focus on the first ten chapters of Mankiw's textbook, supplementing the ideas in Mankiw's textbook with other key ideas, such as (a) the use of logarithms in macroeconomics, (b) the combination of increasing returns and imperfect competition as a foundation for macroeconomics. You can see my teaching philosophy for this course in detail, as well as other topics I focus on that go beyond the textbook in the assigned blog post "[On Teaching and Learning Macroeconomics](#)." A key part of my philosophy is that I believe it important to teach writing and critical reading in conjunction with macroeconomics itself.

**IF YOU MISSED THE FIRST DAY OF CLASS, CONSIDER THAT BLOG POST PART OF THE SYLLABUS!** Otherwise, you won't have a good sense of what the class will be like.

### Syllabus, Part 2: Required Syllabus Statements

<https://www.colorado.edu/academicaffairs/policies-customs-guidelines/required-syllabus-statements>