

# Principles of Microeconomics

ECON 2010-100 – Spring 2019

University of Colorado, Boulder

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Office Hours: Monday 8:30am-9:30am, Friday 1:30pm – 2:30pm, Economics 106

## Syllabus

This Syllabus covers all the important organizational details. Further information if not specified here will be given in class at the appropriate time.

### Logistics and Important Dates

We meet three times a week on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 10:00 to 10:50am in room GOLD A2B70. I will hold office hours on Monday from 8:30am to 9:30am and Friday 1:30pm to 2:30pm (or by appointment if this time is inconvenient), my office is in Economics 106. Once a week you will also meet with one of the Teaching Assistants for the class during Recitation Sessions. During Recitation Sessions you will regularly review the past and upcoming assignments and get extra help prior to exams. There will be two in-class midterm exams and one final exam. Please mark your calendar as follows:

- Midterm 1, Feb 22 class time;
- Midterm 2, Mar 22, class time;
- Final Exam May 7 at 4:30 pm

No makeup exams will be given. The only exceptions are covered by campus guidelines on absences due to religious observance (see below). If you fail to show up for an exam without an acceptable excuse (such as an illness that is documented with a medical note), you will get a zero for that exam.

### Textbook, Web Platform and Clicker

The textbook for the class is Acemoglu, Laibson, and List, *Microeconomics*, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition (2018, Pearson). You will need to enroll in the web portal MyEconLab. Through MyEconLab you will have access to additional learning material and to weekly problem sets which will be graded. The best way to login into MyEconLab is through Canvas <https://canvas.colorado.edu/> You will also need an iClicker. You can purchase it at the CU Bookstore, if you do not have one already. We will use clickers regularly to review examples and to solve problems. Please make sure to register your clicker at <https://oit.colorado.edu/tutorial/cuclickers-iclicker-remote-registration>

### TA and Recitations

Recitations start in the second week and the TAs are Wenbo Meng ( [weme5574@colorado.edu](mailto:weme5574@colorado.edu) ), Xiaomeng Zhao ( [Xiaomeng.Zhao@colorado.edu](mailto:Xiaomeng.Zhao@colorado.edu) ), and Akhil Rao ( [Akhil.Rao@colorado.edu](mailto:Akhil.Rao@colorado.edu) ). Please check your enrollment records to establish the day and time of your session. The following tables list all the recitations with times and locations.

Instructor	Recitation #	Class #	Day	Time	Location	Limit
<b>ECON 2010-100 Principles of Microeconomics</b>						
<b>Keller</b>	<b>LECTURE</b>	<b>32008</b>	<b>MWF</b>	<b>10:00—10:50</b>	<b>GOLD A2B70</b>	<b>225</b>
Zhao, X	111	32009	M	2:00—2:50	STAD 135	25
Zhao, X	112	32010	M	4:00—4:50	CLRE 208	25
Zhao, X	113	32011	M	5:00—5:50	HUMN 186	25
Meng	114	32012	W	8:00—8:50	HLMS 191	25
Rao	115	32013	W	1:00—1:50	HLMS 191	25
Rao	116	32014	W	3:00—3:50	MUEN E431	25
Rao	117	32015	W	5:00—5:50	MUEN E123	25
Meng	118	32016	F	8:00—8:50	ECON 119	25
Meng	119	32202	F	9:00—9:50	ECON 119	25

## Office Hours

Office hours are as follows.

	Recitation #	Time	Day	Location
<b>Wolfgang Keller</b>		8:30-9:30 1:30-2:30	M F	Econ 106
<b>Xiaomeng Zhao</b>	111, 112	11-2	TU	Econ 309C
<b>Xiaomeng Zhao</b>	113	11-12	TH	Econ 309C
<b>Wenbo Meng</b>	114	11-12:30	TU	Econ 309B
<b>Akhil Rao</b>	115	8:45-9:45	W	Econ 414
<b>Akhil Rao</b>	116	11-12	W	Econ 414
<b>Akhil Rao</b>	117	2-2:50	W	Econ 414
<b>Wenbo Meng</b>	118	9-10	W	Econ 309B
<b>Wenbo Meng</b>	119	11-12:30	TH	Econ 309B

## Weekly Assignments and Clicker Questions

I will assign weekly problem sets that will be graded. A portion of the questions in the problem sets will aim at reinforcing your understanding and mastering of the material, while a portion will be representative of the type of questions that you will get in the midterm and final exams.

## Grading

Your final score will be the maximum of the following two alternatives:

Default

- Midterm I 25%
- Midterm II 25%
- Final 25%
- MyEconLab Problem Sets 15%
- Clicker Questions 5%
- Recitation Grade 5%

## Alternative

- Midterm I 20%
- Midterm II 20%
- Final 35%
- MyEconLab Problem Sets 15%
- Clicker Questions 5%
- Recitation Grade 5%

The in-class graded clicker sessions will count as follows: 2 points for a correct answer, 1 point for an incorrect answer, 0 for no answer. The total score for the Clicker Questions will be computed by adding all the scores while discarding the lowest 6 questions.

Your overall average score will not automatically translate into a certain letter grade. I will determine the mapping from this score to letter grade once all assignments are graded. In practice, this means for example that a 88% average score may be an “A”, or, alternatively, that a 91% average score may be a “B+”. I will report in class the average, maximum, and minimum scores on the tests, which will give you feedback on how your class performance translates into letter grades.

## Accommodation for Disabilities

If you qualify for accommodations because of a disability, please submit your accommodation letter from Disability Services to me member by the end of the second week of class 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](http://www.colorado.edu/disabilityservices/students) ([www.colorado.edu/disabilityservices/students](http://www.colorado.edu/disabilityservices/students)). Contact Disability Services at 303-492-8671 or [dsinfo@colorado.edu](mailto:dsinfo@colorado.edu) for further assistance. If you have a temporary medical condition or injury, see [Temporary Medical Conditions](#) under the Students tab on the Disability Services website and discuss your needs with me.

## 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. To ensure this in this class, a student needs to let me know by the end of the second week of class in case there are such conflicts.

## Classroom Behavior

Students and faculty each have responsibility for maintaining an appropriate learning environment. 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. 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. For more information, see the policies on [classroom behavior](#) and the [Student Code of Conduct](#).

## Sexual Misconduct, Discrimination, Harassment

The University of Colorado Boulder (CU Boulder) is committed to maintaining a positive learning, working, and living environment. CU Boulder will not tolerate acts of sexual misconduct, discrimination, harassment or related retaliation against or by any employee or student. CU's Sexual Misconduct Policy prohibits sexual assault, sexual exploitation, sexual harassment, intimate partner abuse (dating or domestic violence), stalking or related retaliation. CU Boulder's Discrimination and Harassment Policy prohibits discrimination, harassment or related retaliation based on race, color, national origin, sex, pregnancy, age, disability, creed, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, veteran status, political affiliation or political philosophy. Individuals who believe they have been subject to misconduct under either policy should contact the Office of Institutional Equity and Compliance (OIEC) at 303-492-2127. Information about the OIEC, the above referenced policies, and the campus resources available to assist

individuals regarding sexual misconduct, discrimination, harassment or related retaliation can be found at the [OIEC website](#).

### **Honor Code**

All students enrolled in a University of Colorado Boulder course are responsible for knowing and adhering to [the academic integrity policy](#). Violations of the policy may include: plagiarism, cheating, fabrication, lying, bribery, threat, unauthorized access to academic materials, clicker fraud, resubmission, and aiding academic dishonesty. All incidents of academic misconduct will be reported to the Honor Code Council ([honor@colorado.edu](mailto:honor@colorado.edu); 303-735-2273). Students who are found responsible for violating the academic integrity policy will be subject to nonacademic sanctions from the Honor Code Council as well as academic sanctions from the faculty member. Additional information regarding the academic integrity policy can be found at the [Honor Code Office website](#).