Principles of Microeconomics
ECON 2010 - 700
Fall 2022

General Information

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Course Description

This course examines basic concepts of microeconomics or the behavior and the interactions of individuals, firms and government. Topics include determining economic problems, how consumers and businesses make decisions, how markets work, and how the same markets fail and how government actions affect markets.

Prerequisites

There are *no* specific prerequisites for this course. Students should feel comfortable with algebraic concepts including *fractions, graphing and solving basic linear equations.* If you are facing difficulty with these concepts, please come see me or your teaching assistant during office hours.

Required Textbook

Principles of Microeconomics by N. Gregory Mankiw, 9th edition + Mindtap (included through book)

To keep the cost of your course materials as low as possible and access to those materials as convenient as possible, I have collaborated with the CU Book Store and the publisher to deliver these materials through a program called "Inclusive Access", which will appear on your tuition and fee bill as "Day 1 Digital Access".

Grading

Homework - 20%
Quiz #1 - 10%
Quiz #2 - 10%
Midterm - 25%
Final - 25%
Recitation - 10%

Homework - Homework access is provided through MindTap. Please register as soon as possible. The first homework submission is due at the end of second week and you should have figured out access to homework before it. If you are

facing problems regarding it, there are resources available on Canvas under **MindTap** module. All homeworks will follow lectures by a week, this is done so that once a week's worth of lectures are done, you will have a week to go through your respective recitations, have time to ask questions in mine or your TA's office hours before having to submit homework. Homeworks will account for 20% of your overall grade and the grades of your lowest two homeworks will be dropped. All homeworks are ***due every Sunday at midnight***. I will *NOT* accept any late homework submissions. Please make sure you leave enough time for yourself before the deadline to troubleshoot any issues that might arise.

Quizzes - Each quiz makes up 10% of your grade. Quizzes will take place at midpoints between start of course and midterm and then midterm and final. These quizzes will be *multiple choice, over canvas and open notes*. They will be 50 minutes long. Quiz #1 will take place on ***Friday, September 16, 2022*** and Quiz #2 will take place on ***Friday, November 18, 2022***.

Midterm & Final - Midterm and Final are each 25% of your overall grade in the class. Midterm will cover all the chapters completed until the midterm and Final will be cumulative as well, that is - your final will cover all chapters covered in the course. Midterm and Final will be *multiple choice, conducted in person and closed notes*, you will need #2 pencil to fill in the scrantrons. Midterm will take place on ***Friday, October 14, 2022***. ***Final exam date will be announced later. Only non-graphing calculators are allowed during exams***.

Recitation - Each of you has been assigned to a recitation section. The goal of the recitations is to review concepts, ask questions, improve your understanding of the material, solve questiokns and practice for exams in smaller groups. Each recitation section is made of about 25 students. Recitations account for 10% of your overall grade in the course. The only way to earn this grade is through attendance. ***There is no recitation, the first week of class***. Recitations begin during second week of class. No class or recitation on Labor day, recitations will commence on Tuesday, September 6, 2022.

Grading Scale

Grade	Percentage	Grade	Percentage
A	93-100	C	73-76
A-	90-92	C-	70-72
B+	87-89	D+	67-69
B	83-86	D	63-66
B-	80-82	D-	60-62
C+	77-79	F	0-59

I will ***round*** to nearest digit. For example, 89.5 will be rounded up to 90 and will be A- and 89.4 will be rounded to 89 and will be B+.

Office Hours and Email Policy

Office hours are as posted above in *General Information*. They will be held in the Economics Building, my office is ECON 414 which is a tower on the top floor. You can also join in the office hours over Zoom if you can't come in person, the zoom link is also given in *General Information*. You can also meet with me by appointment given you email me in a reasonable time in advance.

If you would like to contact me through email, please use your official school email address. I will not respond to emails sent through personal email address. Since there are about 200 students in this class, please allow me 24 hours to respond to your emails. If I have not responded after a day, please feel free to send me a follow-up email. I will not check my emails over the weekend so emails sent over the weekend will be returned on Monday. Please send a new email instead of replying to a class-wide email, it makes sure that I see all emails and no body hits "reply-all".

Email etiquette - Please use subject title ***ECON2010*** for all your emails. This sets a filter in my inbox and makes it easier for me to see your emails. Please also mention your full name in the email so that I know who I am talking to.

I am not allowed by law to discuss grades with you or anyone else over emails. Please do not email me with questions about your grade - see me after class or during office hours

Important Dates

- Quiz #1 - September 16, 2022
- Midterm - October 14, 2022
- Quiz #2 - November 18, 2022
- Final - TBD

Note: This schedule is subject to the instructor's discretion

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; this updates instructor's and TA's class rosters.

Please also feel free to email me your preferred pronouns and names or any information you find important regarding this matter

Cheating

Cheating of any kind will not be tolerated in this course. This includes cheating on an exam and/or in recitation. If you are caught cheating, I will assign you F grade in the course. I will also meet with the Associate Chair of Undergraduate Studies for the Economics Department, and we will report this incident to both the University and the Honor Council which could result in further discipline including up to expulsion from the University.

Honor Code

All students enrolled in a University of Colorado Boulder course are responsible for knowing and adhering to the Honor Code academic integrity policy. Violations of the Honor Code may include, but are not limited to: 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 faulty member. Additional information regarding the Honor Code academic integrity policy can be found on the Honor Code Website.

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 policies on classroom behavior and the Student Conduct & Conflict Resolution policies.

Accomodation for Disabilities

If you qualify for accomodations because of a disability, please submit your accomodation letter from Disability Services to your faculty member in a timely member so that your needs can be addressed. Disability Services determines accomodations based on documented disabilities in the academic environment. Information on requesting accomodations 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.

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 or against 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 email cureport@colorado.edu. Information university policies, reporting options, and support resources can be found on the OIEC website.

Please be aware that faculty and graduate 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 their rights, support resources, and reporting options.

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.

Requirements for Covid-19

As a matter of public health and safety, all members of the CU Boulder community and all visitors to campus must follow university, department and building requirements and all public health orders in place to reduce the risk of spreading infectious disease. 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 Revolution. For more information, see the policy on classroom behavior and the Student Code of Conduct. If you require accomodation because a disability prevents you from fulfilling these safety measures, please follow the steps in the "Accomodation for Disabilities" statement on this syllabus.

CU Boulder currently requires members of the campus and community to have received initial series of vaccine plus one booster, or file for an exemption. Students, faculty and staff must upload proof of boosters or file for an exemption based on medical, ethical or moral grounds through the MyCUHealth Portal.

If you feel ill and think you might have COVID-19, if you have tested positive for COVID-19, or if you are unvaccinated or partially vaccinated and have been in close contact with someone who has COVID-19, you should stay home and follow the further guidance of the Public Health Office (contacttracing@colorado.edu). If you are fully vaccinated and have been in close contact with somoene who has COVID-19, you do not need to stay home; rather, you should self-monitor for symptoms and follow the further guidance of the Public Health Office (contacttracing@colorado.edu). In this class, if you are sick or quarantined, a simple email to me will suffice.