

# Principles of Microeconomics

ECON 2010-200, Fall 2017

Monday, Wednesday and Friday 11:00-11:50 AM, RAMY-C250

## 1 Course Info

**Instructor:** Jacob Howard (jacob.b.howard@colorado.edu)

**Office Hours:** Monday and Wednesday 12:30-2:30 PM. No appointment necessary to attend office hours. I am also available at other times in the week by appointment.

**Office:** ECON 401

**Website:** <https://sites.google.com/site/jacobhowardecon/>, Desire2Learn, and FlipItEcon

**Required Text:** Paul Krugman, *Microeconomics, Fourth Edition*. Older editions are acceptable, however it will be your responsibility to keep up with any inconsistencies between the fourth edition and the edition

## 2 Grading

Grading Scale: Let  $x$  be your final percentage grade in the course

Grade	Percentage	Grade	Percentage
A	$93 \leq x$	C	$73 \leq x < 77$
A-	$90 \leq x < 93$		



**Laptops, Tablets, and Cell Phones:** Laptops can be distracting to others in class. For this reason I ask that **if you use your laptop to take notes you sit in the first 4 rows of class** so I can ensure you are indeed not distracting those behind you. PDF copies of the slides will be posted prior to class and you are more than welcome to download them to your laptop or tablet prior to class to annotate them. Please do not use your laptop for anything other than taking notes. If you are caught using your laptop for something other than taking notes you will be asked to leave. **Please silence your cell phone prior to class and do not use it except in the case of emergencies.**

**Curving:** There will be no individual curving. Please do not email me at the end of the semester asking for your grade to be changed. I will curve each exam so that the average is at a reasonable level. **I will round your final grade up to the nearest whole number** (example: 91.0001 / 92). Everyone in the class will receive an equal curve so do not ask for special treatment. I will not curve grades down. Recitations will be curved so that each TA's recitations have the same average.

**Cheating:** If you are caught cheating in any fashion (on exams, in recitation, or clickers (see above)) you will be given an F for the semester and your case will be reported to the Honor Code Council for review.

## 4 Tentative Schedule

It is important to note that **there is no recitation the first week of class** (the week of 8/28). Recitation begins on the second week of class (week of 9/4). You can get a link to the course schedule on FlipItEcon. You can simply view the calendar there, or you can get a link to the calendar to download for Google Calendar or iCal.

The two midterms will take place on September 28th and November 3rd during our normal class time in our normal classroom. The final exam date time is December 19th from 4:30-7:00 PM.

## 5 University Policies and Department Resources

**Tutoring:** The department has a free drop in tutor lab. It is located in the basement of the ECON Building in room near the undergraduate computer lab. The department also collects a list of private tutors you can hire. Information about the tutoring lab can be found at <http://www.colorado.edu/Economics/undergraduate/tutorial-lab.pdf> and the list of private tutors can be found at [http://www.colorado.edu/Economics/undergraduate/tutor\\_list.pdf](http://www.colorado.edu/Economics/undergraduate/tutor_list.pdf)

**Accommodation Statement:** I am committed to providing everyone the support and services needed to participate in this course. If you qualify for accommodations because of a disability, **please submit to your professor a letter from Disability Services in a timely manner (for exam accommodations provide your letter at least two weeks prior to the exam) so that your needs can be addressed.** Disability Services determines accommodations based on documented disabilities. Contact Disability Services at 303-492-8671 or by e-mail at [dsinfo@colorado.edu](mailto:dsinfo@colorado.edu). If you have a temporary medical condition or injury, see Temporary Medical Conditions: Injuries, Surgeries, and Illnesses guidelines under Quick Links at Disability Services website and discuss your needs with me. **Note that your TA's should receive a letter from disability services too, please provide them with one (if necessary) within a reasonable time frame (2 weeks before any large quiz etc) so they may accommodate you as well.**

**Religious Observances:** 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 assignments/attendance. If this applies to you, please speak with me directly as soon as possible at the beginning of the term.

**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 differences of race, color, culture, religion, creed, politics, veteran's status, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity and gender expression, age, ability, and nationality. 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 class behavior and the student code.

**Discrimination and 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 discrimination or harassment based upon Protected Classes or related retaliation against or by any employee or student. For purposes of this CU-Boulder policy, "Protected Classes" refers to 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 discriminated against should contact the Office of Discrimination and Harassment (ODH) at 303-492-2127 or the Office of Student Conduct (OSC) at 303-492-5550. The full policy on discrimination and harassment has more information.

**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); 303-735-2273). 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