

Principles of Macroeconomics - ECON 2020-200  
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roster. If you fail to notify me before the administrative add/drop deadline, you will be automatically removed from the class roster with *no notice*.

**COURSE STRUCTURE:**

This course proceeds through the online book in a module format where each module contains one or more chapters of the textbook. These modules will appear in both Canvas and on the TopHat course websites. Each module contains textbook readings, end-of-chapter questions, homework assignments, critical thinking questions, lecture slides and supplemental materials for each chapter contained within the module. There are 16 modules

### **Recitation**

Recitations are held once a week starting in the second week of classes. They are led by graduate economic student instructors (teaching assistants) who have expertise in the subject material. Your teaching assistant is an invaluable resource to your success in the course! Recitations are designed to allow students to have an instructor-led review of the most important material covered in classes and occur in much smaller settings (20-30 students) so that everyone has the ability to ask questions. Each week, your TA will lead you through a guided worksheet with practice problems and exercises that you will be able to take home to use as a study tool for the quizzes. Recitation is mandatory and worth 16% of your course grade.

### **Final Exam**

University policy requires the implementation of a final examinations in lecture classes. The final exam in this class is comprehensive and will be conducted on Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup> from 11:30am to 2pm. The final exam takes place in the same lecture hall as class and is worth 20% of your course grade.

### **ASSIGNMENTS AND GRADING:**

Your final grade in this course is determined by a weighted average of attendance, homework, quizzes, recitation, and your final exam score. The final class average will be about 80%.

| Assignment Group | Individual Item Weight | Number of Items | Number of Items Dropped from Grade |
|------------------|------------------------|-----------------|------------------------------------|
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## *2. Perfect Reading Assignment Completion Rate*

There are 16 Reading Assignments in TopHat (one for each chapter). The reading assignments consist of answering each of the in-book questions that show up throughout the ebook. Students that complete all questions from all chapters without using any of the provided drops will automatically earn 3% bonus on their final exam score.

## *3. Perfect Practice Test Completion*

Each chapter will have an optional "Practice Test" available for any student to complete in order to help reinforce the concepts from class and practice answering questions that will be similar to the questions that appear on the quizzes in class. Each practice test consists of 20 multiple choice questions from the specified chapter. The practice tests must be completed by the assigned due dates in order to be eligible for the bonus at the end of the semester. Students who complete at 16 practice tests will earn 4% bonus on their final exam score.

Together, it is possible to earn 10% bonus added to your final exam score.

Other extra credit assignments may be posted throughout the semester. However, I only offer extra credit to the entire class. I do not, under any circumstances, allow individual students to complete extra credit or bonus assignments.

## **COURSE RULES AND EXPECTATIONS**

Here I discuss the rules and expectations for students throughout the course of the semester. Infractions against

**TENTATIVE SCHEDULE:**

The next page contains the tentative course schedule for this semester. Please note the individual due dates for each assignment. Some assignments/assessments have common due dates in order to help you form a routine for completing coursework.

**Week**

For example, homeworks will always be due on Wednesdays and quizzes will always occur on Fridays. Quizzes will cover chapters which have been completed and for which the homework assignment has already been due so that you have had ample time to practice and master the concepts prior to taking the quiz. **The quiz dates are set in stone. They will not change for any reason.** If the actual schedule of the course does not follow the tentative schedule above, assignment due dates may be subject to change but the quizzes will not. Quizzes will only ever cover the material we have already covered in class.

### **COURSE GRADING SCALE**

| Grading Scale |           |
|---------------|-----------|
| A             | ≥ 93%     |
| A-            | 90-92.99% |
| B+            | 87-89.99% |
| B             | 83-86.99% |
| B-            | 80-82.99% |
| C+            | 77-79.99% |
| C             | 73-76.99% |
| C-            | 70-72.99% |
| D+            | 67-69.99% |
| D             | 63-66.99% |
| D-            | 60-62.99% |
| F             | <60%      |

### **UNIVERSITY POLICIES:**

#### **Preferred Students 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; those preferred names and pronouns are listed on the instructor's class roster (and TA class rosters). In the absence of such updates, the name that appears on the class roster is the student's legal name.

#### **Accommodation for Disabilities**

If you qualify for accommodations because of a disability, please submit your accommodation letter from Disability Services to your faculty member in a timely manner so that your needs can be addressed. Disability Services determines the accommodations based on documented disabilities in the academic environment. Information on requesting accommodations is located on the Disability Services Website. 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 Condition under the Students tab on Disability Services website

#### **Classroom Behavior**

**Honor Code**

All students enrolled in the University of Colorado Boulder are responsible for knowing and adhering to the Honor Code. Violations of the policy may include