UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO BOULDER
INTERMEDIATE MACROECONOMICS
ECON 3080-581
SPRING 2023: JAN 23-MAY 7TH 2023
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Class website access via Canvas.

INSTRUCTOR

Dr Alpna Bhatia (Dr B)- that's me, has a Ph.D. in Economics from the University of Colorado at Boulder and has taught for 20+ years. My academic research and interest include gender issues, sustainable development, current macroeconomics, and teaching pedagogy. I like economics, and I am passionate about teaching, building communities, and working in a diverse yet supportive environment. Outside of class, I am the chief experimenter in my kitchen, a master list maker, Bollywood music blaster, and (more than) occasional killer of plants.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

General Catalog: Discusses money, financial institutions, and the monetary-financial system in a modern economy.

This course is designed as an advanced course to provide an understanding of the modern economy. We will explore how economists define money, unemployment, inflation, and exchange rates. Finally, the course will introduce and analyze current issues in fiscal and monetary policy.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

By the end of this course, you should be able to

- analyze economic issues in the real world that involve macroeconomics.
- Discriminate between solutions to macroeconomic problems, and common misconceptions.
- Communicate the results of macroeconomic analysis in a clear and professional way.
- Further your analytical, research and writing skills.

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COURSE MATERIALS

Textbook (required):

TYPE OF ASSESSMENTS

PREP: Prep activity revolves around math or writing about economics being used that week or concepts necessary to be successful in that module. Each Prep Assignment is worth 10 points. These are open book and open note. There will be 14 Prep activities, in total, and the lowest of these prep assignments will be dropped from your final grade calculation. These are due by Thursday midnight of each module. Credit is awarded only when completed by the due date. Budget about 30-60 minutes per module prep.

MODULE ASSIGNMENTS: Each module there is a 30-point problem set, discussion, or data exercise (or a combination thereof) assignment. There will be twelve (12) Assignment activities, in total, and the lowest of these will be dropped from your final grade calculation. Budget around 2-hours per module assessment.

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If you are in Boulder or nearby, you can take your exam:

1. With the instructors at the Department of Economics. There is no cost for using this option. This option is only on selected times during the exam period.
2. At the University Testing Center on-campus in Boulder, CO. There may be a cost for using the testing center. This option is only available M-F during regular business hours.
3. Proctorio or a comparable online proctoring service as determined by the Online Economics Dept. Online proctoring is a service that uses a webcam and microphone to ensure academic integrity. To use this service, you must have access to a computer with a webcam and a microphone. There is no cost for using Proctorio.

If you outside of Boulder, you can take your exam:

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Please see Canvas for detailed information about proctoring, including the contact information for the UTC, Proctorio, and a nationwide list of accredited college or university testing centers. If you are in a rural area or on a military base, you may need to be approved to use a person as a proctor and information is provided on Canvas for this approval process.

EXTRA CREDIT

I typically offer up to 50 points of extra credit (= maximum 5% of the course grade) during the semester for completing certain activities. These extra credit opportunities will be available to all and announced on Canvas. Extra class activity

- EMAIL: Email is absolutely the best way to get in touch with me, except in case of emergencies. I try to be prompt about replying to e-mail. However, you should give me about 24-48 hours to respond depending on the nature of the question. All email correspondence must take place using your Colorado.edu email address (in which case your email must include your name, and your course number) or your canvas account. Sometimes email gets lost (goes into spam), or slips my notice, so if you have not heard back from me in 2 days, do not hesitate to send another email.

- PHONE: +1 (720) 609-7071. This is my cell phone number. Call, or text me anytime between 10 am – 7 pm MST. IF I do not answer, leave a message, or send a text regarding when it is a good time to get a hold of you and I will call you back. Realize that all questions cannot be answered over the phone, and I may ask to meet with you (on zoom) anyways.

- Please always remind me of what course you are taking! Specially in the beginning of the semester.

COURSE POLICIES (THINGS THAT AFFECT YOU)

LATE WORK: It is your responsibility to turn in each assignment on the required date. In general, there are NO EXTENSIONS but most work for the module can be turned in up to three days late. The grade penalty for this late work is a reduction by one full letter grade for this period.
Emergencies: Talk to me, loop me in, and we'll do our best to find a way for you to keep up.

Anticipated Responsibilities: If you know in advance that you will have difficulty meeting a deadline (soft or firm) because of school-related, home-related, or extra-curricular related responsibilities, reach out to me in advance and we'll try to make a reasonable adjustment.

Realize that I will drop some of your grades so you can miss a whole module and still be ok. The exceptions I may consider are sickness, university excused function, military service, or circumstances beyond the students' control. I reserve the sole right to determine what grounds constitutes a reasonable excuse for missing or submitting a late work assignment. *Late assignments are not accepted for Exams.*

WITHDRAWAL POLICY:
Any student who wishes to withdraw from the course must submit a request directly to Continuing Education. For complete information, please visit their website at https://ce.colorado.edu/resources/topics/dates-and-deadlines-general-info/

TUTORING
The Economics Department provides free drop-in tutoring which helps on all core courses in the major, and some on other undergraduate Econ courses at https://www.colorado.edu/economics/node/513/attachment
A list of tutors available for hire is available at https://www.colorado.edu/economics/node/515/attachment. These lists are typically updated second week of classes.

Additional support Services

A variety of instructional support services, such as writing center, guidance on personal or educational issues, tutoring questions and library resources are available to the students. For more information about their services, visit their websites linked under modules on Canvas or talk to me!

Class 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 isn (t)-3 (y)-1 (7py)-1 7 -3 (i)1 (n

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instructor grants a request for an incomplete, the instructor sets the conditions under which the coursework can be completed and the time limit for its completion or if the class should be retaken.
For more information, please look up https//catalog.colorado.edu/undergraduate/credits-grading/

REQUIREMENTS FOR COVID-19

As a matter of public health and safety due to the pandemic, 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 Resolution. For more information, see the policy on classroom behavior and the Student Code of Conduct. If you require accommodation because a disability prevents you from fulfilling these safety measures, please follow the steps in the "Accommodation for Disabilities" statement on this syllabus.

Students who have tested positive for COVID-19, have symptoms of COVID-19, or have had close contact with someone who has tested positive for or had symptoms of COVID- - s02( )T

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