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Principles of Macroeconomics - ECON 2020-100  
Fall 2024  
Syllabus

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**Teaching Assistants:** TBA

**INSTRUCTOR BIO:**

Dr. Mark Valkovci received his Doctorate in Economics from the University of Colorado Boulder in 2021. In his research he explores the economic impacts of environmental and labor policies, the political economy of pollution, climate change and many other topics. Mark enjoys teaching macroeconomics and environmental economics due not only to his personal interests in those areas, but also because the connections between the economy and the environment grow ever-more-important for the global society. In his free time, Mark enjoys being a huge nerd by reading books/comics, binge watching the shows/movies, and playing the board/video games of many fandoms. His favorite fandom is Star Wars, but he also spends time exploring the universes of Avatar the Last Airbender, Harry Potter, Doctor Who, Supernatural, Star Trek, Lucifer, Sherlock, and the list grows each year.

**REQUIRED MATERIALS:**

TopHat *Principles of Macroeconomics* Online Course with electronic textbook

*Principles of Macroeconomics with Inquizitive* 4<sup>th</sup> ed, Coppock and Mateer. Norton Publishing

\*\*\*\*\*IMPORTANT\*\*\*\*\*

You do not need to purchase anything online or from the bookstore for this course. The materials are provided through a program called CU Book Access. If you drop the course by the drop date you will not be charged for the

Canvas is your one-stop-shop to determine the upcoming assignments and assessments in the course. All assessments and due dates can be found in Canvas. The Canvas calendar can be used to check these due dates.

Note: All email correspondence will be through your CU Boulder email address.

Please do not use the Canvas email or messages, it is not checked.

### CLASS EMAILS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

To make sure you receive class emails and announcements:

1. Update Canvas email address: Use the "account" link on the left toolbar to update your email and notification settings. Make sure you have all announcements notify you "immediately" because important course information is shared through announcements
  - a. Announcement will also appear on the Canvas course homepage every time you enter the course site
2. Update University email: <https://oit.colorado.edu/identikey-accounts/students> to make sure that the address is the one you regularly check

### COURSE CONTENT:

This course covers the fundamentals of macroeconomics theories and principles as well as their practical application. By analyzing national production, unemployment, business cycles, and the impacts of monetary and fiscal policies, you will learn vital tools in understanding the macroeconomy. Since economics is essentially a mathematically-based manner of thinking and problem solving, you will learn how to relate mathematical and economics concepts in order to measure changes in welfare and utility, among other things. My goal for this course is to introduce to you the primary theories and concepts being practiced today and to use real-world examples as much as possible to illustrate the impacts of different economic policies.

### PREREQUISITES:

There are no prerequisites for this course.

### 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 on Canvas and contain links to all required and supplemental assignments. 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 15 modules scheduled for the course so we will proceed at a pace of approximately one module per week.

#### **Quizzes**

Of primary importance to the structure and layout of the course is the implementation of biweekly quizzes in place of midterms. The timing of the quizzes is set regardless of where we are in the material. (See Tentative Schedule below for Quiz dates) All quizzes will take place online on Canvas using Proctorio. Quizzes are open all day from

material in a gamified setting.

### ASSIGNMENTS AND GRADING:

Your final grade in this course is determined by a weighted average of attendance, homework, quizzes, recitation,







answer your call: Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Saturday and Sunday from noon to 6:00 p.m., Closed during [University Holidays](#)

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