

**Intermediate Macroeconomics
Econ 3080-003
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Department of Economics

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Class time: M, W, F from 3:00 - 3:50 pm
Classroom: HUMN 1B80
Course website: Most material will be posted on CU Learn.

Final exam: Thursday, May 6 from 10:30 am - 1:00 pm

Required Text:

Blanchard, *Macroeconomics*

Lectures:

Attendance for the first three classes is mandatory or you may be administratively dropped from the class. I will be taking attendance these days. While attendance will not be taken for the other days, it is strongly suggested that you attend all classes since the course material is difficult. You are responsible for all information covered in class lectures. **I do not post or give out my notes.** If you miss a class, you should be able to get notes from one your classmates.

Grading:

Your grade will consist of two midterm exams, a cumulative final exam and homework assignments. Each portion of your grade will be weighted as follows:

Midterm 1:	25%	
Midterm 2:	25%	
Final Exam:	35%	Thursday, May 6 10:30 am - 1:00 pm
Homework Assignments:	15%	

Exams:

I will not give any make up exams and will not give exams early. The only exception is for student athletes with scheduled events on the date of the exams. Please check into this immediately and let me know as soon as possible. I require a signed letter from your coach or the athletics department. To reiterate, there will be **no make up exams**, please do not ask. Take note! If you are planning on leaving town, do not schedule your trip on an exam date.

Midterm exams are not cumulative. The final exam is cumulative - this means you will be tested on the material from the entire semester.

Problem Sets:

Problem sets constitute 15% of your course grade which cannot be dropped. The problem sets must be handed in at the beginning of class on the day they are due. I will announce in class when problem sets are posted. You will not receive credit for late assignments. You may miss one assignment, as your lowest problem set grade will be dropped.

Students are encouraged to work on the problem sets in small groups (5 people or less). However, each person must submit their own write-up of each problem set and you must put the names of your group members on your assignment (make sure your name is distinct from the group members so I know who to give the grade to). Handing in identical homeworks is not permitted.

Important Dates:

Mon	Jan 18	MLK Day - No Class
Fri	Feb 12	Midterm 1
Wed	Mar 17	Midterm 2
Mon	Mar 22 - Fri Mar 26	Spring Break - No Class
Thur	May 6	Final Exam - 10:30 am - 1:00 pm

Tentative Schedule:

We will cover the following topics during the semester. Reading the relevant chapters before the lecture will help with understanding the material. You are responsible for all material covered in the chapters listed, even if not covered in the lecture, unless I specifically say otherwise. As the semester progresses, **I may make changes to the following or change the order in which it is covered.** If I do I will let you know in advance.

Macroeconomics: The Big Picture

Chapters 1 and 2

The Core: The Short Run

Goods Markets, Financial Markets and IS-LM

Chapters 3, 4, 5

The Core: The Medium Run

Labor Markets, Unemployment and Inflation

Chapters 6, 7, 8 and 9

The Core: The Long Run

Chapters 10, 11, 12, 13

Extensions: The Open Economy

Disability Policy:

If you qualify for accommodations because of a disability, please submit a letter from Disability Services to me in a timely manner so that your needs may be addressed. Disability Services determines accommodations based on documented disabilities. Contact: 303-492-8671, Willard 322, and <http://www.colorado.edu/disabilityservices>.

Religious Observance Policy:

Campus policy regarding religious observances requires that faculty make every effort to reasonably and fairly deal with all students who, because of religious obligations, have conflicts with scheduled exams, assignments, or required attendance. If you have a conflict, please contact me at the beginning of the semester so we can make proper arrangements.

Classroom Behavior Policy: