

**Economics 3080-002 Principles of Macroeconomics  
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**Office hours:** 12:30-2:00 MTWTF

**Course website:** We will be using CU Learn to manage the course this semester:

<http://culearn.colorado.edu>.

**Lecture:** 9:00-12:15 MTWRF in ECON 13

**Required Text:** • **Olivier Blanchard, (2006), Macroeconomics 4<sup>th</sup> Edition, Pearson/Prentice Hall Publishers** – I would suggest looking for used/new copies online before buying at the bookstore to compare prices. Also, the best strategy for doing well in class and understanding the material is to read the corresponding textbook chapters before class. I follow the book topics fairly closely but will add a few additional things as I see fit.

**Course Description:** Macroeconomics is the economics field of study aggregate economic variables. This is in contrast to microeconomics, the study of the economic behavior of individual consumers, firms, and industries. We will study how economists model the relationships between these economic variables and exam how various fiscal and monetary policies can affect the results. The main goal of this class will be to improve your economic literacy and ability to apply economic models to analyze world events. To facilitate this a portion of the course will focus on reading articles with economic relevance for class discussion.

**Prerequisites:** Principles of Microeconomics (Econ 2010), Principles of Macroeconomics (Econ 2020), and Mathematics for Economists I and II (Econ 1078/1088 or equivalent). Students should be familiar with the concepts of supply and demand, the basics of fiscal and monetary policy, and have some experience using equations, graphs, and tables to analyze economic situations.

**Lectures:** In lecture, new material will be presented that will follow topics from the textbook, but may differ in emphasis. *All students are expected to attend all lectures during the Maymester.* We will be covering a chapter a day as each day in the Maymester corresponds to more than a week of class in the Fall or Spring. Additionally,

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Students will be required write a summary of the articles and answer t  
paragraph form, including a second page of relevant graphs if necessa  
must be one page typed, double spaced, 12 point Times New Roman f  
receive credit. The summaries will be graded as full credit/half credit.  
*class on the day we discuss the article.* I will not accept e-mailed artic  
discussion is part of the assignment. I reserve the right to randomly c

and average the other 8 together for your problem set grade. These problems will be multiple choice and calculation problems and will be similar to questions found on the exam. The problem sets count for 30% of the final grade. Additionally, a number of recommended short answer problems will be posted. These problems while not graded will be helpful in preparing for the exams.

**Examinations:** There will be two exams given in the course. The exams will take place during regular class time in the regular class room on the dates listed below. They will be a combination of multiple-choice questions and short answer questions. You will also want to bring a calculator (*no cell phone calculators*). Exam questions will be based on material covered in lecture and the problem sets. I'll talk more about each exam as the exam date approaches. Each exam counts for 30% of the overall grade.

*Make-ups for any exam are allowed only under compelling circumstances.* Under such a compelling circumstance, you are almost always required to make prior arrangements before the exam. Eangeme2-1.sJ e.h6g5 Twagt(ke p)5 Twagt l-1.real ned They40 (oursi)(renux)-ow(m)8.2( cou-9ng h a )Tj-32.9

**Course Schedule:**

Date	Material	Problem Sets Due
Monday, May 12	Intro to Macro: Ch 1 and 2	
Tuesday, May 13	Aggregate Expenditure: Ch 3	PS 1
Wednesday, May 14	Open Economy: Ch 18.1, 19.1 4&6	PS 2
Thursday, May 15	Financial Markets: Ch 4.1 2	PS 3
Friday, May 16	IS LM Model: Ch 5	
Monday, May 19	Wrap Up and Review	PS 4
Tuesday, May 20	Exam #1	
Wednesday, May 21	Labor Markets: Ch 6	
Thursday, May 22	AS AD Model: Ch 7	PS 5
Friday, May 23	Phillips Curve: Ch 8	PS 6
Monday, May 26	Growth Basics: Ch10	PS 7
Tuesday, May 27	Solow Model Part I: Ch 11	PS 8
Wednesday, May 28	Solow Model Part II: Ch 12	PS 9
Thursday, May 29	Wrap up, Review, and FCQ's	PS 10
Friday, May 30	Final Exam	

