

University of Colorado Boulder
Econ 2020-200: Principles of Macroeconomics
Syllabus, Fall 2020

** All time mentioned in this syllabus is Mountain Time, unless stated otherwise*

Introduction

By the end of the course you will learn how to think as a macroeconomist:

1. how to isolate the main forces behind market outcomes,
2. how to measure them,
3. and how to assess the impact of monetary/fiscal policies and changes in the economic environment on macroeconomic aggregates in the short and long run

In the process you will learn how to boil down complex macroeconomic problems to their essential features, making use of a powerful tool: assumptions.

Required Materials

Textbook and MindTap

Principles of Macroeconomics by N. Gregory Mankiw, 9th edition through MindTap Inclusive Access. Note that MindTap is required for this course. The link for registration to MindTap is on our Canvas course page, under module “Course Information”.

To keep the cost of your course materials as low as possible and access to those materials as convenient as possible, we have collaborated with the CU Book Store and the publisher to deliver those materials through a program called “Inclusive Access”, which will appear on your tuition and fee bill as “Day 1 Digital Access”.

What does this mean for you?

1. You will receive access to all your course materials, digitally, on the first day of classes, through the course Canvas page.
2. You will see a “Day 1 Digital Access” charge on your tuition and fee bill for: \$93.66; This is a guaranteed lowest price, discounted by the publisher, and not available outside this course.

Proctorio

To take the midterms and final, you will be required to use Proctorio, an online proctoring service. See the Canvas site for more information. Complete the ungraded practice quiz during the first two weeks of the semester. If you have technical difficulties with the ungraded practice quiz, email me immediately. If you do not complete the ungraded practice quiz at least two weeks prior to the first midterm and have technical difficulties that prevent you from completing the midterms or final, you will receive a zero for that exam. If you have completed the ungraded

