

ECON 3080 Intermediate Macroeconomics

University of Colorado Boulder
Department of Economics
Fall 2020

Instructor: Ge Song

Time:

MWF 1:50 { 2:40 PM

How to make policy implications from theories, and how to be critical and just when commenting on policy discussions?

Prerequisites:

ECON 1000 or ECON 2020 or equivalent from another institution.

ECON 1078 and 1088, or MATH 1300, or MATH 1310, or MATH 1081, or MATH 1080, 1090 and 1100, or APPM 1350, or equivalent from another institution.

Grading Policies:

Midterm 1	25%
Midterm 2	25%
Final Exam	35%
Attendance & Homework	15%

Letter Grade Distribution:

≥ 93.00	A	73.00 - 76.99	C
90.00 - 92.99	A-	70.00 - 72.99	C-
87.00 - 89.99	B+	67.00 - 69.99	D+
83.00 - 86.99	B	63.00 - 66.99	D
80.00 - 82.99	B-	60.00 - 62.99	D-
77.00 - 79.99	C+	≤ 59.99	F

A curve may be applied to the overall course grade to conform to departmental standards. Other than that, I will not grant any request to increase your grade to meet a certain cutoff. You will receive the grade that you earned throughout the course. If you are concerned about your grade(s) you should immediately come talk to me. I will do everything I can to help you be successful in this course.

Course Policies:

Lectures

Lectures Note-taking is very important in this course. It is highly recommended that you attend lectures, since **I will not post or distribute my class notes**. If you miss some lectures, it is your responsibility to contact a classmate to get the notes corresponding to the missed lecture(s). You are also responsible for any announcement or instructions given in class (this may include instructions for tests).

Exams

All exams (midterms and final) will take place online. Please do not be late for any of those.

I will not give any early or make-up exams. In the case that you have to miss any of the midterms

because of a family or medical emergency, and only if you provide documentation to justify that absence, the weight for the corresponding midterm will be added to the final exam. In all other cases, a missed exam will result in a grade of zero for that exam.

The final exam cannot be missed under any circumstances. During all the exams (midterms and

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CODE OF BEHAVIOR POLICY:

Tentative Course Outline:

The weekly coverage might change as it depends on the progress of the class. However, you must keep up with the reading assignments.

Topics	Approximate dates	Reading Chapters
I. Introduction to Macroeconomics	Week of Aug 24 th , Aug 31 st	Mankiw 1 & 2
II. Classical Theory (the Long Run)		
A. National Income	Week of Aug 31 st , Sep 7 th	Mankiw 3
B. Money and Inflation	Week of Sep 14 th and 21 st	Mankiw 4 & 5
C. The Open Economy	Week of Sep 28 th , Oct 5 th	Mankiw 6
Midterm 1 (Online)	Wednesday, Oct 7th, class time	
III. Growth Theory (the very Long Run)		
A. Economic Growth I (Solow Model)	Week of Oct 12 th and 19 th	Mankiw 8
B. Economic Growth II (Endogenous Growth Model)	Week of Oct 26 th and Nov 2 th	Mankiw 9
Midterm 2 (Online)	Friday, Nov 13th, class time	
IV. Business Cycle Theory (the Short Run)		
A. Economic Fluctuations	Week of Nov 9 th	Mankiw 10
B. Aggregate Demand I and II	Week of Nov 16 th and 23 th	Mankiw 11 & 12
C. Aggregate Supply and the Philips Curve	Week of Nov 30 th	Mankiw 14