

**ECONOMICS 2020**  
**Principles of Macroeconomics**  
**Spring 2008**

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**Emails:**

Because of the large class size, having to read through excessive and often frivolous emails can take time away from other students' serious concerns. So please try to avoid emailing me questions for which you already have

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**Course Description:**

~~Principles of Macroeconomics (ECON 2020) is an introductory course with Principles of Microeconomics freely available from nature in the immediate future – hence choices must be made among the many things we want. This leads to the fundamental economic questions, narrowly defined, which face all societies: What to produce? How to produce? And for whom to produce? But economics really is much broader in scope than~~

The issues we discuss are complex but they do lend themselves extremely well to critical thinking and rational inquiry. ~~What are the guiding principles of this course? One goal is to help you think about complex issues in a logical, objective manner. Thinking of statistics and procedures to differentiate between the relevant and the information.~~

The topics covered in this course can be divided into three main categories: Fiscal Policy, Monetary Policy, and Open-Economy Macroeconomics. Macroeconomics cannot be well understood without some grounding in microeconomics, if you have not had met the prerequisite for this class you should see me during the first week

~~es on the course website, but these very brief outlines and the book are learn in class –~~

**they are not substitutes for lecture materials!**

Note: you cannot get credit for both Economics 1000 and Economics 2010/2020.

**Readings:** Mankiw, N. Gregory; **Brief Principles of Macroeconomics 4<sup>th</sup> edition.**  
**You should postpone buying the text until after the first day of class because there are several options.**

[A more detailed outline of covered material and chapters will be handed out or posted separately.](#)

**Recitation:**

Your TAs will give the recitation grade. They will be based on problem sets, quizzes and/or other assignments that your TAs and I think may be useful. The TAs will explain their grading policy more thoroughly in recitation.

**Homework Assignments:**

You will be given optional problem sets (on Aplia) that may be very helpful in your preparation for exams. The Aplia program has a two week trial period during which it is free to use. I will cover all necessary material to complete these problem sets and prepare for exams in class. In addition, I will post some extra study questions before each exam. These will not account for part of your grade, but they may be very helpful. You will also be given assignments in recitation.

**In-class Assignments:**

There will be 5 in-class assignments during the semester each worth 1% of your total grade (under either option). **If you miss an in-class assignment, you will receive a zero unless you are ill and can provide proof (e.g. a letter from the student health center). If you miss an in-class assignment with a valid excuse then the weight of your final will be increased.** In-class assignment dates can be found on the [course outline](#).

**Exams:**

There will be four hourly exams, and a cumulative final. Tests will consist of multiple-choice questions and occasionally some longer problems. Exams (other than the final) are not cumulative, but the material does build on itself so it is important to understand all of the concepts as we go. **Exams will be given in class on the days listed. If you miss an exam, then the weight of se ohtrgr**

**Grading:**

You have two options for how your final grade will be tabulated:

Option 1:

4 Exams (13% each)	52%
Aplia problem sets	9%
Recitation	8%
In-class assignments	5%
Clicker points	8%
Cumulative final	18%

Option 2:



## Student Registration and Payment Instructions

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**Course Name:** Econ 2020 Macro (Mankiw Brief), Mertens Spring 08

**Start Date:** 01/15/2008

**Professor:** William Mertens

**Course Key:** 693Q-HF9D-BJBM

**You can begin working on your homework as soon as you register!**

- In this course, you will use a textbook and Aplia's website.
- You will save money if you buy these together.
- You have two purchase options.
- You will have free access to the first four chapters of an online copy of your textbook at Aplia. You can access the remaining online chapters as soon as you submit a payment for your Aplia course.
- Don't buy anything until you understand your alternatives.

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## Registration

### Registration Instructions

1. Connect to <http://www.aplia.com>.
2. Click the **System Configuration Test** link below the **Sign In** and **Register** sections to make sure you can access all of the features on Aplia's website. This takes just a few seconds and tells you how to update your browser settings if necessary.
3. Return to <http://www.aplia.com>.
  - If you have never used Aplia before, click the **New Student** button and enter your Course Key: **693Q-HF9D-BJBM**. Continue following the instructions to complete your registration.
  - If you have used Aplia before, sign in with your usual e-mail address and password and enter your Course Key when prompted: **693Q-HF9D-BJBM**. If you are not prompted for a new Course Key, click the

**Disclaimer:** I receive no monetary benefit from requiring Aplia assignments.

**Additional Notes:**

*Honor Code*

All students of the University of Colorado at Boulder are responsible for knowing and adhering to the academic integrity policy of this institution. Violations of this policy may include: cheating, plagiarism, aid of academic dishonesty, fabrication, lying, bribery, and threatening behavior. All incidents of academic misconduct shall be reported to the Honor Code Council (honor@colorado.edu; 303-725-2273). Students who are found to be in violation of the academic integrity policy will be subject to both academic sanctions from the faculty member and non-academic sanctions (including but not limited to university probation, suspension, or expulsion). Additional information on the Honor Code can be found at <http://www.colorado.edu/policies/honor.html>

