

University of Colorado Boulder  
Econ 1078-001: Principles of Macroeconomics  
Syllabus, Fall 2021

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

Introduction

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Office Hours: Monday and Wednesday 9:30-10:30AM, Zoom

Please sign up for a time slot through this link: <https://calendly.com/alexander-bentz>

If the available times do not work for you, please email me with suggested times and I will try to find availability.

Appointments are for 15 min. Depending on demand for office hours, I may be available for longer if necessary. In my experience, 15 minutes is sufficient for most meetings.

You will get a confirmation email with Zoom link in it. You can cancel or reschedule the meeting through links in this confirmation email. Office hours may be available in person at some point during the semester depending on department policy. You may always elect to meet on Zoom instead of person at your discretion.

**You are always welcome to contact me through email or come to office hours!** However, if



**Midterms.** Midterms consist of multiple choice questions that cover all the material covered since the previous midterm. They are not cumulative by design; however, the material in this course naturally builds on previous material. For the sake of the final grade, if you score higher on Midterm II than Midterm I, I will drop your Midterm I and assign 40% of your grade to Midterm II. If you score higher on Midterm I, I will assign 25% of your grade to each midterm. Basic four function calculators are allowed but not necessary.

**Final Exam.** The final consists of multiple choice questions that cover all the material taught in class (cumulative). The format will be similar to the midterms.

**Curves.** I will attempt to adjust midterm scores (depending on the class average) when they are graded so that your Final Grade in Canvas is a pretty good reflection of what it will be at the end of the semester (conditional on your performance for the rest of the semester). The final class median will be an 82.

**Attendance.** Attendance is *not* mandatory in this course but it is highly recommended. The material and examples covered in class will directly prepare you for homework and exams. To incentivize attendance, I will cover one problem from each homework during class. This problem and the solutions will not appear on class slides (uploaded to Canvas). Given that homework is a large portion of your grade, attendance will help your homework grade.

I have not included a formal way to grade attendance this semester as continued public health precautions may require students to miss class with very little notice and I do not in any way want to discourage students from taking those precautions.

## University Policies

### CLASSROOM BEHAVIOR

Both students and faculty are responsible for maintaining an appropriate learning environment in all instructional settings, whether in person, remote or online. Those who fail to adhere to such behavioral standards may be subject to discipline. Professional courtesy and sensitivity are especially important with respect to individuals and topics dealing with race, color, national origin, sex, pregnancy, age, disability, creed, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, veteran status, political affiliation or political philosophy. For more information, see the policies on classroom behavior and the Student Conduct & Conflict Resolution policies.

### REQUIREMENTS FOR COVID-19

As a matter of public health and safety due to the pandemic, all members of the CU Boulder community and all visitors to campus must follow university, department and building requirements and all public health orders in place to reduce the risk of spreading infectious disease. Students who fail to adhere to these requirements will be asked to leave class, and students who do not leave class when asked or who refuse to comply with these requirements will be referred to Student Conduct and Conflict Resolution. For more information, see the policy on classroom behavior and the Student Code of Conduct. If you require accommodation because a disability prevents you from fulfilling these safety measures, please

As of Aug. 13, 2021, CU Boulder has returned to requiring masks in classrooms and laboratories regardless of vaccination status. This requirement is a temporary precaution during the delta surge to -19 vaccine requirement. Exemptions include individuals who cannot medically tolerate a face covering, as well as those who are hearing-impaired or otherwise disabled or who are communicating with someone who is hearing-impaired or otherwise disabled and where the ability to see the mouth is essential to communication. If you qualify for a mask-related accommodation,

vaccinated instructional faculty who are engaged in an indoor instructional activity and are separated by at least 6 feet from the nearest person are exempt from wearing masks if they so choose.

Students who have tested positive for COVID-19, have symptoms of COVID-19, or have had close contact with someone who has tested positive for or had symptoms of COVID-19 must stay home. In this class, if you are sick or quarantined, please contact me ASAP to discuss necessary extensions to assignments and appointments to cover missed material. Per university policy, I *will not* ask for a

that you require.

CU Boulder recognizes that students' legal information doesn't always align with how they identify. Students may update their preferred names and pronouns via the student portal; those preferred names and pronouns are listed on instructors' class rosters. In the absence of such updates, the name that appears on the class roster is the student's legal name.

## HONOR CODE

All students enrolled in a University of Colorado Boulder course are responsible for knowing and adhering to the Honor Code academic integrity policy. Violations of the Honor Code may include, but are not limited to: plagiarism, cheating, fabrication, lying, bribery, threat, unauthorized access to academic materials, clicker fraud, submitting the same or similar work in more than one course without permission from all course instructors involved, and aiding academic dishonesty. All incidents of academic misconduct will be reported to the Honor Code ([honor@colorado.edu](mailto:honor@colorado.edu)); 303-492-5550). Students found responsible for violating the academic integrity policy will be subject to nonacademic sanctions from the Honor Code as well as academic sanctions from the faculty member. Additional information regarding the Honor Code academic integrity policy can be found on the Honor Code website.