

ECON 2020-100  
Principles of Macroeconomics  
Fall 2017 Syllabus

Lecture: T/TH 2:00 pm – 3:15 pm Math 100

Instructor: Jacob Kirsch

Office: ECON 401

Office Hours: Tuesday 12:00 pm- 2:00 pm

Email: [Jacob.Kirsch@colorado.edu](mailto:Jacob.Kirsch@colorado.edu)

Course Content:

We will discuss foundational topics in macroeconomics in this course. This will include discussions on trade, national production, unemployment, business cycles, and monetary/fiscal policy. My goal for this course is to provide you with a strong framework for understanding the economy as a whole, which will enable you to understand a variety of common topics in

Required Materials:

N. Gregory Mankiw - Principles of Macroeconomics ©2018 8th Edition  
CU Clicker/ i>clicker – register your clicker id on MyCUinfo

The CU Book Store and Cengage Learning have worked together to provide your course materials in an innovative new delivery method called “inclusive access”. What this means is that you have electronic access to your course materials immediately through D2L if you are enrolled in the course. You do not need to go to the bookstore. You do not need to pay for them right now. Should you drop the course, you will not be billed for the materials.

The advantage to this method of course materials delivery is twofold. First, every student in the course has access to the materials immediately. Second, the CU Book Store will bill you for these materials on your tuition and fee bill. This charge will occur at or near the drop/add date.

### Lectures:

I will use lecture time to discuss new material or go over example problems to prepare for exams. Attendance will be taken in each lecture using clickers to answer questions related to the material. You are required to answer every clicker question to earn attendance points for the day. Missing any clicker question will result in a zero for the day. *You may have two unexcused absences throughout the semester.* Each lecture you miss beyond your unexcused absences will count equally against your attendance grade. All material that I discuss in lecture will be required knowledge for the exams. Please do not use any electronic devices for anything unrelated to this course. Anyone who is distracting or refuses to participate during lecture will be asked to leave. Attendance will be taken in the first week of class. Students who do not attend class every lecture during the first week will be administratively dropped. I will not distribute my lecture notes or repeat lectures to students who are unable to attend. It will be your responsibility to obtain notes from your classmates if you need to make up a lecture.

### Exams:

Midterm exams will be held in class during lecture time. There will be three midterm exams and a cumulative final exam. Your lowest midterm grade will be dropped and your two highest midterm grades will be worth 20% of your grade each. The final exam will be worth 25% of your grade and will not be dropped. Anyone who has three or more final exams on the same day in which my final exam is your latest exam of the day may notify me within the first month of class to schedule an alternative time for their

I will assign you a letter grade which will include +/- . I will strictly adhere to the assignment of your letter grade based on your percentage grade in the class. This means I will not individually curve your grade to move it up a letter grade (e.g. an 89.9% will be a B+, I will not move it up to an A-). Please speak to me if you have concerns about your grade at any point in the semester.

Cheating will not be tolerated in this course. This includes cheating on an exam, cheating in

