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University of Colorado at Boulder

ECON 3080-200 Intermediate Macroeconomics

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12:45-2:20 p.m., July 9- August 9

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Course Description

This course provides a comprehensive framework for analyzing how the economy actually works in an aggregate level. We will explore the details of both long term trends and short term fluctuations (business cycles) and explore the roles that consumers, firms, and governments play in the economy. Over the course of the semester we will cover long run growth, aggregate demand and supply, unemployment and wages, inflation, monetary and fiscal policy, as well as applying the tools of analysis to the recent recession. In addition, we will look at the microeconomic underpinnings of some of the theory. In the end you will have the technical tools necessary to intelligently read about and discuss current and past macroeconomic events.

Prerequisites

1. ECON 1000 or ECON 2020 or equivalent from another institution
2. 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.

Please bring a copy of your transcript by the first day of class for verification of your prerequisites. Unfortunately, current system does not offer this service to instructors.

This course requires basic algebra (important) and calculus (especially derivatives). It will be assumed that students possess these and there will be no formal math review.

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Required Textbook

Charles I. Jones (2011) *Macroeconomics* W.W. Norton & Company, 2nd Edition

Reading the book prior to lecture is a great way to make the learning process easier. Besides, the exercise at the end of each chapter is good practice for exams. The second edition includes new analysis of the recent economic crisis. You can consider either the original edition or the Economic Crisis Update version, but be warned that some chapters we will cover are not included in these prior editions.

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are not excuses for makeups however, you are allowed to miss at most two lectures in order to get full credit for this part of grade

Lecture notes will be posted online one day before the lecture. You are responsible for any missing class.

Grading Scale

93% to 100% A	72% to 77% C
90% to 92% A	70% to 71% C
88% to 89% B+	68% to 69% D+
82% to 87% B	62% to 67% D
80% to 81% B	60% to 61% D
78% to 79% C+	59.5% or lower

Tentative Course Schedule

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