



OFFICE HOURS: Wed, Thur: 10 am – 11:30 am, Fri: 1-2:30 pm and via appointment on [Zoom](#)  
ZOOM: <https://cuboulder.zoom.us/my/alpnabhatia>  
EMAIL: [alpna.bhatia@colorado.edu](mailto:alpna.bhatia@colorado.edu)  
PHONE: +1720-609-7071 works well for quick text messages.  
CLASS WEBSITE ACCESS VIA [CANVAS](#).

#### INSTRUCTOR

Dr Alpna Bhatia (Dr B) has a Ph.D. in Economics from the University of Colorado at Boulder and has taught for 15+ years. Her areas of academic research and interest include (but are not limited too) gender issues, sustainable development, and teaching methodology. Outside of class, Dr B is the chief experimenter in her kitchen, master list maker, and occasional killer of plants.

#### COURSE DESCRIPTION

*From General Catalog:* Provides an overview of the economy, examining the flows of resources and outputs and the factors determining the levels of income and prices. Explores policy problems of inflation, unemployment, and economic growth.

This course is designed as an introductory survey of economy-wide issues such as inflation, unemployment, national output, employment, and government deficits and debt. The basic aggregate demand/supply model is introduced and used to model historical events. Alternative economic models and theories are included throughout the course.

#### COURSE OBJECTIVES

Upon completion of the course, students should:

- identify the data and tools of macroeconomic policy.
- describe the costs and benefits of economy-wide phenomena such as inflation, unemployment, government debt.
- evaluate public policies in an informed and objective manner.
- recognize the institutional surroundings that impact macroeconomic phenomena.
- explain fiscal, monetary, and supply-side policy, and
- further their analytical, research and writing skills.

#### COURSE PREREQUISITE

ECON 2010 (Principles of Microeconomics) with a C- or better course grade.

#### COURSE WEBSITE

Our course is on [Canvas](#). You will access your textbook (Connections, notes, any further additional readings and most importantly your grades via Canvas. Please check Canvas frequently for any relevant notifications/changes that may occur throughout the course. To access Canvas

Login using your CU-Boulder identikey and password at <https://canvas.colorado.edu>  
Under Course List, [click "Econ 2020: Principles of Macroeconomics"](#)

**COURSE MATERIALS**

Textbook (required): Schiller and Gebhardt: *The Macro Economy Today*, 16th edition with access to Connect. Connect is where you will read your textbook and complete some graded assignments. You will access Connect through our course website, Canvas.

## GENERAL COURSE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Will be made on the course home page on Canvas or via Email. Please check the course "announcements" section, and your official "Colorado.edu" email account in a timely fashion. You should choose to have canvas "notify" you immediately for course announcements.

## COURSE OUTLINE

The course content is broken into 14 lecture modules. We will cover a module per week. In general, syllabi will not be changed once the semester begins. I will notify all students if any changes, should they occur, in a timely manner in writing via email/Canvas. Review the weekly class schedule titled "Course Outline" found on Canvas under the "Syllabus" link

## EVALUATION AND GRADING

Multiple techniques and performance measures will be used throughout the course to assess student mastery of the content, competencies, and learning outcomes. Course grades will be determined by the completion of assignments, exams, and discussions, as shown below:

Type of Assessment	<i>Times offered</i>	<i>Number counted towards grade</i>	<i>Points per Assignment</i>	<i>Grade Points</i>	<i>Grade Percentage</i>
Prep	12	11	10	110	11
BookSmart	15	11	5	55	5.5
Discussions	3	3	15	45	4.5
Problem Set	12	11	20	220	22

#### TYPE OF ASSESSMENTS

**PREP:** There will be a weekly (Econ) Prep activity that will revolve around math or writing about economics being used that week or concepts necessary to be successful in that module. Each Prep Assignment is worth 10 points. These are open book and open note. There will be twelve (12) Prep activities, in total, and the lowest of these prep assignments will be dropped from your final grade calculation. These are due by Wednesday midnight of each module. Credit is awarded only when completed by the due date. Budget about 30 minutes per module prep.

**SMARTBOOK:** Each chapter has an associated SmartBook activity on Connect, worth 5 points. Students complete this activity by answering questions until they reach the target score. Once students reach the target score, they receive full credit (a grade of 100%) for completing the activity. Students may continue answering questions to review even after they have completed the activity or after the due date has passed BUT credit is awarded only when completed by the due date. I will count your 11 best Learn Smarts scores so you can use these judiciously. SmartBook assignments are due by Friday midnight of each module, but I highly encourage you to start them earlier in the week. Budget about 30-60 minutes per Smart Book assignment. You can do these over multiple days as well.

**DISCUSSIONS** will occur asynchronously; you or I will post a discussion question and you will respond to the questions at your convenience prior to the due date. The discussion post (10 points) will need to be completed by Friday midnight and peer comments (5 points) will be due by Sunday midnight. *A reply that simply agrees or likes the original post will not be considered for full credit.* Budget about 1 hour for these.

1. With me at the Department of Economics. There is no cost for using this proctor. This option is only on selected days during the exam period.
2. At the University Testing Center on-campus in Boulder, CO. There may be a cost for using the testing center. This option is only available M-F during regular business hours.
3. With Proctorio or a comparable online proctoring service as determined by your instructor. Online proctoring is a service that uses a webcam and microphone to ensure academic integrity. To use this service, you must have access to a computer with a webcam and a microphone. There is no cost for using this proctor.

If you outside of Boulder, you can take your exam:

1. At an accredited college or university testing center in your town or nearby. There may be a cost for using this testing center.
2. With Proctorio or a comparable

### COURSE POLICIES

**LATE WORK:** It is your responsibility to turn in each assignment on the required date. In general, there are NO EXTENSIONS but most work for the module can be turned in up to three days late. The grade penalty for this late work is a reduction by one full letter grade for each 24-hours the assignment is late.

Realize that I will drop some of your grades so you can miss a whole module and still be ok. The exceptions I may consider are sickness, university excused function, military service, or circumstances beyond the students' control. I reserve the sole right to determine what grounds constitutes a reasonable excuse for missing or submitting a late work assignment.

Late assignments are not accepted for Exams.

### CLASS 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 Code of Conduct](#).

### ACCOMMODATION FOR DISABILITIES

If you qualify for accommodations because of a disability, please submit your accommodation letter from Disability Services to your faculty member in a timely manner so that your needs can be addressed. Disability Services determines accommodations based on documented disabilities in the academic environment. Information on requesting accommodations is located on the [Disability Services website](#). Contact Disability Services at 303-492-8671 or [dsinfo@colorado.edu](mailto:dsinfo@colorado.edu) for further assistance. If you have a temporary medical condition, see [Temporary Medical Conditions](#) on the Disability Services website.

### PREFERRED STUDENT NAMES AND PRONOUNS

CU Boulder recognizes that students' legal information does not 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. Violations of the policy may include 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 at the [Honor Code Office website](#).

Plagiarism is a form of academic dishonesty. Plagiarism is defined as the use of another's ideas or words without appropriate acknowledgment. Examples of plagiarism include failing to use quotation marks when directly quoting from a source; failing to document distinctive ideas from a source; fabricating or inventing sources; and copying information from the Internet.

### SEXUAL MISCONDUCT, DISCRIMINATION, HARASSMENT AND/OR RELATED RETALIATION

The University of Colorado Boulder (CU Boulder) is committed to fostering an inclusive and welcoming learning, working, and living environment. CU Boulder will not tolerate acts of sexual misconduct (harassment, exploitation,

and assault), intimate partner violence (dating or domestic violence), stalking, or protected-class discrimination or harassment by members of our community. Individuals who believe they have been subject to misconduct or retaliatory actions for reporting a concern should contact the Office of Institutional Equity and Compliance (OIEC) at 303-492-2127 or [cureport@colorado.edu](mailto:cureport@colorado.edu). Information about the OIEC, university policies, [anonymous reporting](#), and the campus resources can be found on the [OIEC website](#).

Please know that faculty and instructors have a responsibility to inform OIEC when made aware of incidents of sexual misconduct, dating and domestic violence, stalking, discrimination, harassment and/or related retaliation, to ensure that individuals impacted receive information about options for reporting and support resources.

#### RELIGIOUS HOLIDAYS

Campus policy regarding religious observances requires that faculty make every effort to deal reasonably and fairly with all students who, because of religious obligations, have conflicts with scheduled exams, assignments or required attendance. Because of the flexibility of timing of completion of assignments in this class, you must contact the instructor in at least two weeks in advance if you anticipate a religious holiday may impact your completion of coursework. See the [campus policy regarding religious observances](#) for full details.

#### INCOMPLETE POLICY

Incomplete grades (IW or IF) are NOT granted for low academic performance. Requests for incomplete grades must be initiated by the student and only when, for reasons beyond their control, the student is unable to complete the class requirements within the semester of enrollment. A substantial amount of work must have been satisfactorily completed before approval for such an incomplete grade is given. If an instructor grants a request for an incomplete, the instructor sets the conditions under which the coursework can be completed and the time limit for its completion or if the class should be retaken.

For more information, please look up <https://catalog.colorado.edu/undergraduate/credits-grading/>

#### COURSE WITHDRAWAL POLICY

Any student who wishes to withdraw from the course must do so by November 4. For complete information, please visit <https://ce.colorado.edu/resources/topics/dates-and-deadlines-general-info/>

#### 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 follow the steps in the "Accommodation for Disabilities" statement on this syllabus.

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 supplement CU Boulder's COVID-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, please follow the steps in the "Accommodation for Disabilities" statement on this syllabus. In addition, 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, contact me immediately.

#### NETIQUETTE

I hope that we will all strive to develop a positive and supportive environment for each other. Due to the nature of the online environment, there are some things to remember regarding one's online behavior and how it may impact others:

1. Always think before you write. In other words, without the use of nonverbals with your message, your message can be misinterpreted. So please think twice before you hit submit.
2. Keep it relevant. There are places to chat and post for fun everyday stuff. Do not stray from the discussion in the assigned questions.
3. Never use all caps. This is the equivalent of yelling in the online world. It is not fun to read. Only use capital letters when appropriate.
4. Make sure that you are using appropriate grammar and structure. In other words, I do not want to see anyone writing "R U" instead of "are you". There are people in the class that may not understand this type of abbreviation, not to mention it does nothing to help expand your writing and vocabulary skills. Emoticons are fine if they are appropriate. A smile is welcome, anything offensive is not.
5. Treat people the same as you would face-to-face. In other words, it is easy to hide behind the computer. In some cases, it empowers people to treat others in ways they would not in person. Remember there is a person behind the name on your screen. Treat all with dignity and respect and you can expect that in return.
6. Respect the time of others. This class is going to require you to work in groups. Learn to respect the time of others in your group and your experience will be much better. Always remember that you are not the only person with a busy schedule, be flexible. Do not procrastinate! You may be one that works best with the pressures of the deadline looming on you, but others may not be that way. The same is true for the reverse. The key to a successful group is organization, communication, and a willingness to do what it takes to get it done.

Website: <http://www.albion.com/netiquette/corerules.html> Compiled by Melissa Landin, Instructor, Dept. of Communication, Inver Hills Community College, [mlandin@inverhills.edu](mailto:mlandin@inverhills.edu)

T



#### ADDITIONAL SUPPORT SERVICES

A variety of instructional support services, such as [writing center](#), [guidance on personal or educational issues](#), tutoring questions and [library resources](#) are available to the students.

#### SOME TIPS FROM DR B

Recognize that most students find economics to be challenging and time consuming.

Budget smaller chunks of time spread over the week complete any work that module.

Make sure you pencil in due dates or sync [Canvas calendar](#) to your main calendar for reminders.

Create virtual study groups : [Zoom](#) and [Google Hangouts](#) are great resources.

Show up for office hours.

Do not wait until the end of th