

**Intermediate Macroeconomics
Econ 3080-003
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Department of Economics

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Class time: M, W, F from 3:00 - 3:50 pm
Classroom: DUAN G125
Course website: Most material will be posted on CU Learn.

Final exam: Tuesday, May 3 from 7:30 pm - 10:00 pm

Required Text:

Blanchard, *Macroeconomics*, 5th edition, Pearson/Prentice Hall Publishers.

Course Description and Objectives:

Macroeconomics is the study of aggregate economic performance, including both long-run growth and short-run fluctuations ("business cycles"). We will give brief attention to long-run growth issues, but will focus mostly on the standard topics of short-run macroeconomics, including income and employment determination, unemployment and inflation, exchange rates and the balance of payments, and monetary and fiscal policies. We will also discuss the application of macro theories to current issues (and perhaps some alternative theoretical approaches to macroeconomics and controversies about different approaches to macro policy).

Prerequisites:

1. Economics prerequisites: ECON 1000 or 2020
2. Mathematics prerequisites: ECON 1078 & ECON 1088 or MATH 1300 or MATH 1310 or MATH 1081 or MATH 1080 & 1090 & 1100 or APPM 1350 or equivalent.

The material covered in this course requires basic calculus. It will be assumed that every student has a working knowledge of calculus, and there will be no formal review of calculus techniques. The mathematics prerequisites will be strictly enforced. In addition, it will be assumed that every student is familiar with the vocabulary and basic concepts of macroeconomics.

Lectures:

Attendance will be taken daily and if you miss more than 9 class meetings of the scheduled class

Tentative Schedule:

Disability Policy:

If you qualify for accommodations because of a disability, please submit a letter from Disability Services to me in a timely manner so that your needs may be addressed. Disability Services determines accommodations based on documented disabilities. Contact: 303-492-8671, Willard 322, and <http://www.colorado.edu/disabilityservices>.

Religious Observance Policy:

Campus policy regarding religious observances requires that faculty make every effort to reasonably and fairly deal with all students who, because of religious obligations, have conflicts with scheduled exams, assignments, or required attendance. If you have a conflict, please contact me at the beginning of the semester so we can make proper arrangements.

Classroom Behavior Policy: