

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO
PRINCIPLES OF MACROECONOMICS
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Course Information

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Grading: Your course grade will be based on two midterm exams, your recitation grade, article analysis, and a cumulative final exam. Your final grade will be weighted as follows: 30% for Midterm 1, 30% for Midterm 2, 30% for Recitation, 5% for the article analysis, and 35% for the Final. I'll automatically drop the lower of your Recitation, Midterm 1, or Midterm 2 scores when determining your final grade. You will not be able to drop your Final Exam score.

I reserve the right to curve midterms, recitations, and the final exam if need be. In particular, the curving of recitation grades may be implemented so that no one is either unfairly hurt or helped by the grading policies of different recitation instructors.

I will guarantee the following letter grades, however the scale may be adjusted at the end of the course:

93.00 – 100.0 % ... A
90.00 – 92.99 % ... A-
88.00 – 89.99 % ... B+
83.00 – 87.99 % ... B
80.00 – 82.99 % ... B-
78.00 – 79.99 % ... C+
73.00 – 77.99 % ... C
70.00 – 72.99 % ... C-
68.00 – 69.99 % ... D+
63.00 – 67.99 % ... D
60.00 – 62.99 % ... D-
59.99 – 0.00 % ... F

Article Analysis: Over the course of the class we will analyze ten articles related to the material covered. You will prepare a short summary of the articles, which will be worth 5% of your grade. You must write summaries of seven of the ten articles to receive full credit, although I would recommend writing summaries for all the articles since this will be a useful study tool. The summaries will be credit/no credit and are *due in class on the*

Examinations: The times and dates of the two midterms and final are listed below. They will be multiple-choice exams and will be graded by Scantron, so be sure to remember a #2 pencil. You'll probably also want to bring a calculator (*no cell phone calculators*). The format of questions will be multiple choice including a few "article analysis" multiple choice questions. Exam questions will be based on material covered in lecture, the assigned book problems, or problems assigned in recitation. The questions will come in four types: understanding and applying definitions, doing basic calculations, using economic models, and analyzing relevant articles. I'll talk more about each exam as the exam date approaches.

Make-ups for any exam are allowed only unde

Tentative List of Topics:

I am hoping to cover the following topics during the semester:

Review of Supply and Demand (Ch 3)
Intro to Macroeconomics (Ch 6)
Tracking the Macroeconomy (Ch 7)
Savings and Investment (Ch 9)
Aggregate Supply and Aggregate Demand (Ch 10)
Income and Expenditure Model (Ch 11)
Fiscal Policy (Ch 12)
Money and Banking (Ch 13)
Monetary Policy (Ch 14)
Labor Market (Ch 15)
Inflation (Ch 16)
International Trade (Ch 18)

Additional Notes:

If you qualify for accommodations because of a disability, please submit to me a letter from Disability Services 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 www.colorado.edu/disabilityservices

Disability Services' letters for students with disabilities indicate legally mandated reasonable accommodations. The syllabus statements and answers to Frequently Asked Questions can be found at www.colorado.edu/disabilityservices

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www.colorado.edu/policies/honor.html and at www.colorado.edu/academics/honorcode/

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If you have three or more final exams scheduled on the same day, you are entitled to arrange an alternative exam time for the last exam or exams scheduled on that day. To qualify for rescheduling final exam times, you must provide evidence that you have three or more exams on the same day, and arrangements must be made with your instructor no later than the end of the sixth week of the semester. For the complete final examination policy, see the University of Colorado at Boulder Catalog (<http://www.colorado.edu/catalog>).