

University of Colorado at Boulder  
Spring Semester 2022

## Econ 2010-100: Principles of Microeconomics

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Lecture: Chem. Bldg 140, MWF at 1:25pm | 2:15pm  
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### Course description and objectives:

The objective of this course is to develop an understanding of basic concepts and mechanisms in microeconomics. Among others, we will answer the following questions: How do firms and households make production and consumption decisions? How do market mechanisms work and when do they fail? What is the role of government regulations and taxation? Why do countries trade? We will review these and other questions through the lens of both microeconomic theory and real world data.

### Requirements and prerequisites:

There are no prerequisites for this course. Good understanding of basic algebra will be helpful.

#### Classes on January 10-January 21:

During the first two weeks, we will meet remotely but **synchronously** via Zoom. We will meet on MWF at 1:25pm | 2:15pm using the following link:

Meeting link: <https://cuboulder.zoom.us/j/91099115400>

Passcode: 2010

You can also use this link to attend my office hours until January 21. In-person classes and office hours will resume on January 24.

### Important dates:

The dates for the midterms and final exam are as follows:

- **Midterm I:** Friday, February 11th
- **Midterm II:** Friday, March 18th
- **Final:** Monday, May 2nd, 4:30-7:00 p.m.

### Required book, web-platform and clickers :

The required text is: { *Paul Krugman and Robin Wells, Microeconomics, 6th edition, 2020, Worth Publishers*. In addition to the text you are required to sign up for **Achieve** to complete weekly assignments.

To keep the cost of your course materials as low as possible and access to those materials as convenient as possible, we have collaborated with the CU Book Store and the publisher to deliver those materials through a program called "Inclusive Access", which will appear on your tuition and fee bill as "Day 1 Digital Access".

What does this mean for you?

1. You will receive access to all your digital course materials on the first day of classes through your Canvas page.
2. You will see a "Day 1 Digital Access" charge on your tuition and fee bill for: \$92.06 This is a low price discounted by the publisher, and not available outside this course
3. You have the option to opt out. This means: you won't pay for anything, but you lose all access to the course materials, including homework manager
  - You can opt out by using a link in a reminder email you will receive with the subject heading "Day 1 Digital Access".
  - You must opt out no later than January 26th, otherwise you will be charged for the materials.
4. Please keep in mind that "opting out" means that your access to these materials will be turned off. *To Achieve* ~~sub~~ ~~TJ~~

You must attend the recitation to which you have been assigned. Recitations between January 17th and January 21st will be held synchronously online via Zoom. You will be able to find the Zoom link for your recitation section on CANVAS under the "*Recitation*" tab.

#### Office Hours & Communication Policy:

You can find the schedule for office hours on CANVAS under the "*Office Hours*" tab. When contacting me

3. Arrive on time & do not leave early. Do not start packing before the end of class.

All students start the semester with 5% for participation. If you break (1),(2) or (3), your participation score will decline to 0%. These regulations hold for both lectures and recitations.

Policies:

We will comply with all CU Boulder policies including:

Classroom Behavior

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other cases will be handled individually.

#### 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.
- Submit your letter during the first two weeks of classes. If the accommodation letter becomes available later in the semester, please inform me immediately such that I have time to make proper accommodations.

me at least two weeks in advance explaining the reason for absence. If this is the case, the weight of the missed homework will be shifted to the remaining assignments and the weight of the midterm exam will be shifted to the final exam. There will be no make up exams or extra-credit assignments.

Sexual misconduct, Discrimination, Harassment and/or related retaliation.

- The University of Colorado Boulder (CU Boulder) is committed to maintaining a positive learning, working, and living environment. CU Boulder will not tolerate acts of sexual misconduct, discrimination, harassment or related retaliation against or by any employee or student. CU's Sexual Misconduct Policy prohibits sexual assault, sexual exploitation, sexual harassment, intimate partner abuse (dating or domestic violence), stalking or related retaliation. CU Boulder's Discrimination and Harassment Policy prohibits discrimination, harassment or related retaliation based on race, color, national origin, sex, pregnancy, age, disability, creed, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, veteran status, political affiliation or political philosophy. Individuals who believe they have been subject to misconduct under either policy should contact the Office of Institutional Equity and Compliance (OIEC) at 303-492-2127. Information about the OIEC, the above referenced policies, and the campus resources available to assist individuals regarding sexual misconduct, discrimination, harassment or related retaliation can be found at the OIEC website.

In addition, the following policies govern FAQs. Please read carefully before contacting me.

Missed clicker questions due to absence:

- I will discard 6 clicker questions with the lowest scores. These include missed questions due to absence. There will be no other way to make up for missed points.

Missed homework:

- There will be deadlines (announced in advance in class) for submitting homework assignments. If you miss an assignment due to a medical reason the weight of this homework will be shifted to the remaining ones. However, you must inform me in advance before the deadline. There will be no make-up assignments.

Missed midterm:

- If you miss one of the midterms, the score for this test will be automatically dropped. However, if you miss both midterms due to a medical reason (you must inform me prior to each midterm), the weight of the midterm will be shifted to the final exam. There will be no make up exams or extra-credit assignments.