

**Intermediate Macroeconomics
Econ 3080-003
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Department of Economics

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Class time: M, W, F from 9:00 - 9:50 am
Classroom: BESC 185
Course website: Most material will be posted on CU Learn.

Final exam: Monday, December 13 from 7:30 pm - 10:00 pm

Required Text:

Abel, Bernanke and Croushore, *Macroeconomics*, 7th edition, Pearson/Addison Wesley 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, and monetary and fiscal policies.

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 may require 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 for the first three classes is mandatory or you may be administratively dropped from the class. I will be taking attendance these days. While attendance will not be taken for the other days, it is strongly suggested that you attend all classes since the course material is difficult. You are responsible for all information covered in class lectures. **I do not post or give out my notes.** If you miss a class, you should be able to get notes from one of your classmates.

Grading:

Your grade will consist of two midterm exams, a final exam and homework assignments. Each portion of your grade will be weighted as follows:

Midterm 1:	25%	Friday, September 24
Midterm 2:	25%	Friday, October 29
Final Exam	25%	Monday, December 13
Problem Sets:	25%	

Exams:

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: