

## **ECON 3080-002 Intermediate Macroeconomic Theory**

Spring Semester 2023  
University of Colorado Boulder

**This course meets T&Th at 12.30PM in MUEN E417 (in-person). Attendance is required.**

**Course Homepage: <https://canvas.colorado.edu/courses/91293>**

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### **Course Objective**

This course examines the behavior of the economy through the application of mathematical and graphical models to real world issues. We will consider linkages between the U.S. macro economy and international economies, as well as the role of government policy in the economy and its capacity to influence key macroeconomic variables through fiscal and monetary actions directed towards the operation of labor markets, firm and household investment and consumption decisions, education, and the regulation of financial capital markets. We will emphasize the application of theoretical models to current macroeconomic issues and incorporate a data driven approach to foster our understanding of macroeconomic indicators.

### **Recommended Text**

Macroeconomics (11<sup>th</sup> edition) by Gregory Mankiw.

### **Course Expectation**

I expect that you attend each class well prepared and ready to contribute to the classroom discussion in a meaningful way. To do so, you need to make a habit of following current events and foster your curiosity for understanding what is going on in the world. Passive consumption of the learning content (i.e. simply listening to lectures) will not be sufficient to master the concepts. Lectures are based on the expectation that you have already read and thought about the assigned readings and do not miss class unless unavoidable. I expect students to only use a laptop if they feel this cannot be avoided. Use of cell phones and computers is strictly prohibited during lectures.

### **Recommended Resources**

I strongly encourage you to subscribe to a news publication (i.e. WSJ or NYT). Student discounted access packages are available through CU. A list of additional readings and resources can be found on Canvas.

### **Course Website**

All lecture slides and course assignments, as well as the syllabus and any additional resources can be found on Canvas. I view these resources as complementary to the content covered in class, not as a replacement for attending lecture. All of your course grades will be posted to Canvas to allow you to have a sense of your standing in the course throughout the semester.

## Course Assignments and Grading

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