ECON 4717: ECONOMICS OF ENTREPRENEURSHIP
COURSE SYLLABUS
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Course Description

Entrepreneurship is an important part of modern economy. This course aims to
introduce academic as well as practical implications of entrepreneurship and its
financing based on the burgeoning literature on private equity. We will focus on the
workings of venture capital and start-ups and also discuss some real world examples.

Textbook

I. Lerner, Leamon, and Hardymon (2012), Venture Capital, Private Equity, and
the Financing of Entrepreneurship
II. Supplementary material and class notes will be posted on D2L

Prerequisite

I. ECON 3070 Intermediate Microeconomic Theory
II. ECON 3818 Introduction to Statistics (or equivalent)

Grading Policy

Your final grade will be based on your performance on a mid-term, a final and a
group project. I reserve the right to check attendance by random roll calls. If you miss
more than half my roll calls, then your grade may be adversely affected. No make-up
exams can be arranged unless there is an emergency or other urgent situation.

The midterm enters your grade with a weight of 0.30, and the final with 0.30, where
the final is not cumulative. You are expected to form a group of three or four for a
final entrepreneurship project. This will enter with a weight of 0.30 (=a written essay
is 0.25 and a pitch/presentation is 0.05). Attendance/participation will be considered
with a weight of 0.05; and a couple of homework assignments with 0.05.

All grading will be done by me in an anonymized fashion. Final grades will be curved
in that I will shift the total sum of the component scores (resulting from the above
elements) by the same amount for everyone at the end of the course.

The use of laptops, tablets or other mobile devices are not allowed in class. Classroom
behavior in courtesy of your classmates and consistent with the CU Honor Code is
highly expected. See the next page for other University policies.