

# Principles of Microeconomics

ECON 2010-100, Fall 2019

Monday, Wednesday and Friday 10:00-10:50 AM, RAMY-C250

## 1 Course Info

Instructor: Jacob Howard ([jacob.b.howard@colorado.edu](mailto:jacob.b.howard@colorado.edu))

Office Hours: Wednesday 12:00-2:00 PM. No appointment is necessary to attend office hours. I am also available at other times in the week by appointment.

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Website: <https://jacobhowardecon.github.io>, Canvas, and Sapling

Required Text: Paul Krugman and Robin Wells, *Microeconomics*, Fifth Edition. You will also need access to Sapling Learning by Macmillan Learning. Please read on for information regarding the most convenient way to access these materials.

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 Canvas.

Prerequisites: There are no official prerequisites, however students are expected to have a basic understanding of algebra and graphing

Teaching Assistants:

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assignment. You will also need to know your student ID number (the one found on MyCUInfo) prior to the exam . You will also need a #2 pencil.

In summary, you will need the following for each exam:

1. Your student ID Number
2. A #2 Pencil
3. A non-graphing calculator (optional)

Midterms will be due at the end of the 50 minutes allotted for class. Failure to turn in your exam in a timely

Chrome works best with Sapling. Be sure to try a different browser before emailing me if you have problem accessing information on Sapling due to some technical error.

iClicker: During class I will regularly ask students to answer questions using their iClicker. It is your responsibility to make sure your clicker is registered to you. This can be done on MyCUInfo. Failure to do so will forfeit all points assigned to your iClicker grade. For instructions on how to register your clicker use the following link: <http://www.colorado.edu/oi/t/tutorial/cuclickers-iclicker-remote-registration>. At the end of the semester I will automatically drop your 5 lowest clicker scores. This is more than a week and a half of drops. For this reason I will not drop clicker scores or excuse students for missed class or for a forgotten clicker.

You will receive 2 points for every clicker question you attempt and an extra point for each question you get correct. You are allowed and encouraged to discuss questions with your classmates. However you are not allowed to bring a classmate's clicker to class. If you are caught with more than 1 clicker you will be asked to leave class for the day, you will be given a grade of F for the semester, and your classmate (whose clicker you have) will also receive a grade of F for the semester.

### 3 Policies

Note that I reserve the right to change this syllabus at anytime. This is your contract for the course. Please pay attention to the policies and note that given notice I reserve the right to change them throughout the course.

Emails: This is a large class which makes answering every single email extremely costly. Therefore I will only respond to emails if they cannot be answered by the syllabus. When I send out an email to the entire class and you have a follow up question I ask that you do not reply to my email. Please send me a new email that way I am able to keep each student's question separate from others. Please allow 24 hours for me to respond on weekdays and 48 hours on weekends.

Laptops, Tablets, and Cell Phones: When not used appropriately, laptops can be distracting to others in class. For this reason I ask that if you use your laptop to take notes you sit in the first 4 rows of class so I can ensure you are indeed not distracting those behind you. PDF copies of the slides will be posted prior to class and you are more than welcome to download them to your laptop or tablet prior to class to annotate them. Please do not use your laptop for anything other than taking notes. If you are caught using your laptop for something other than taking notes you will be asked to leave. Please silence your cell phone prior to class and do not use it except in the case of emergencies.

Curving: There will be no individual curving. Please do not email me at the end of the semester asking for your grade to be changed. I will curve each exam so that the average is at a reasonable level. I will round your final grade up to the nearest whole number (example: 91.0001 to 92). Everyone in the class will receive an equal curve so do not ask for special treatment. I will not curve grades down. Recitations will be curved so that each TA's recitations have the same average.

Cheating: If you are caught cheating in any fashion (on exams, in recitation, or clickers (see above)) you will be given an F for the semester and your case will be reported to the Honor Code Council for review.

### 4 Tentative Schedule

It is important to note that there is no recitation the first week of class (the week of 8/28). Recitation begins on the second week of class (week of 9/3, Monday 9/2 is a university holiday). You can get a link

to the course schedule on Sapling. You can simply view the calendar there, or you can get a link to the calendar to download for Google Calendar or iCal.

The two midterms will take place on TBD and TBD during our normal class time in our normal classroom. The final exam date time is December 15th from 7:30-10:00 PM.

## 5 University Policies and Department Resources

**Tutoring:** The department has a free drop in tutor lab. It is located in the basement of the ECON Building in room near the undergraduate computer lab. The department also collects a list of private tutors you can hire. Information about the tutoring lab can be found at <https://www.colorado.edu/economics/sites/default/files/attached-files/tutorial-lab.pdf> and the list of private tutors can be found at [https://www.colorado.edu/economics/sites/default/files/attached-files/tutor\\_list\\_0.pdf](https://www.colorado.edu/economics/sites/default/files/attached-files/tutor_list_0.pdf)

**Accommodation for Disabilities:** If you qualify for accommodations because of a disability, please submit

impacted receive information about options for reporting and support resources.

**Religious Holidays:** Campus policy regarding religious observances requires that faculty make every effort to deal reasonably and fairly with all students who, because of religious obligations, have conflicts with scheduled exams, assignments or required attendance. If you have a religious obligation that conflicts with any class attendance or assignments please let me know at the beginning of the semester or no less than two weeks prior to the conflict so that we can schedule an accommodation.

See the campus policy regarding religious observances for full details.