

INTERMEDIATE MACROECONOMICS  
ECON 3080-581

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UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO BOULDER  
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CLASS WEBSITE ACCESS VIA CANVAS.

OFFICE HOURS: Tues, Wed, Thur: 9:30-11:30 pm and via appointment  
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INSTRUCTOR

- Further your analytical, research and writing skills.

### COURSE PREREQUISITE

Requires prerequisite courses of ECON 2020 (Principles of Macroeconomics) **and** ECON 1088 or MATH 1081 or MATH 1300 or MATH 1310 or APPM 1350 (math and Calculus) (all min grade C-). Restricted to students with 22-180 units completed.

### COURSE WEBSITE

Our course is on Canvas. You will access your textbook (Sapling Learning), class discussions, notes, any further additional readings and most importantly your grades via Canvas. Please check Canvas frequently for any relevant notifications/changes that may occur throughout the course. To access Canvas

- Login using your CU-Boulder identikey and password at <https://canvas.colorado.edu>
- Under Course List, click "Econ 3080-581: Intermediate Macroeconomics"

### COURSE MATERIALS

E-Textbook (required): Mankiw, N. Gregory, Macroeconomics, 10<sup>th</sup> edition with Sapling Learning. Sapling Learning is where you will read your textbook and complete some graded assignments. You will access this through our course website on Canvas.

Purchase options: note that an eText is included with Sapling. Purchase access to Sapling directly in the Canvas course: 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 "Day 1 Digital Access", which will appear on your tuition and fee bill as "Day 1 Digital Access".

What does this mean for you?

- You will receive access to all your course materials, digitally, on the first day of classes, through the course Canvas page.
- You will see a "Day 1 Digital Access" charge on your tuition and fee bill for: **\$92.06**
  - This is a guaranteed lowest price, discounted by the publisher, and not available outside this course
  - You have the option to opt out. This means you will not pay for anything, but you lose all access to the course materials, including homework managers like Connect or Mindtap
  - 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 February 11th, otherwise you will be charged for the materials.
- Please keep in mind that "opting out" means that your access to these materials will be turned **OFF**, and you will have no way to complete assignments. You will then need to buy the e-book and connect access from MacMillan
- If you have questions about **billing**, email: [digital@cubookstore.com](mailto:digital@cubookstore.com)

**There is grace access to Sapling till February 11th.** This means if you are waiting for financial aid or want to delay payment for any reason, choose the free trial/courtesy access option when

registering. Connect will alert you when the free trial has expired and will prompt you to pay. Your coursework and grades will then continue seamlessly.

- You will also create an account and do some data exercises at [Econlowdown.org](http://Econlowdown.org) and FRED. I will send the relevant information as the course progresses.
- You may purchase or rent a used paper text ma(l)-1 ( s)1 (eB0EMC /L-Td( )T s)2 (e)-2 (a)-eloe

\*PLEASE KEEP A COPY OF ALL WORK CREATED FOR THE COURSE, INCLUDING WORK SUBMITTED THROUGH CANVAS.

**COURSE GRADING CRITERIA**

I assign letter grades based on the following criteria:

<i>Grade</i>	<i>Percentage Grade</i>	<i>Equivalent Points</i>	<i>Indicates</i>	<i>Grade</i>	<i>Percentage Grade</i>	<i>Equivalent Points</i>	<i>Indicates</i>
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**PROBLEM SETS:** Problem sets will include a combination of multiple choice, calculations, and short answer questions and will be open book and open notes. Take these seriously to prepare for exams. Problem Sets are due **Sunday** midnight and credit is awarded only when completed by the due date.

**Data exercises** will require you to manipulate and interpret data related to the macro-economic issues. These data exercises will be accessed through Canvas, Econ Low Down or FRED. The exercises are due by **Sunday** midnight.

**Discussions** will occur asynchronously; I will post a discussion question and you will respond to the questions at your convenience prior to the due date. The discussion post (20 points) will need to be completed by **Friday** midnight and peer evaluation (10 points) will be due by **Sunday** midnight. A ~~copy of the original post will be available on Canvas by Friday~~

I take my role as your instructor very seriously. I care about how well you do in this course and that you learn. To that end, it is my commitment to respond individually to the work you submit in this class and to return your work in a timely manner. I typically take a week to grade assignments. IF the grading of your work takes longer, I will keep you informed of my progress and make every effort to return your work with feedback as soon as I can.

I also believe in protecting Student privacy (Family Education Rights and Privacy Act). I do not publicly post grades and do NOT give out grades on email. You will have to check your grades in the grade book area of Canvas. Often, I will leave comments in the comment box or rubric of the assignment. You must check these comments before you ask me to review your grade.

#### COMMUNICATION

- **E-OFFICE HOURS:** Tues, Wed, Thur: 9:30-11:30 pm and via appointment on Zoom (<https://cuboulder.zoom.us/my/alpnabhatia>). Simply get in touch with me to schedule.
- **EMAIL:** Email is absolutely the best way to get in touch with me, except in case of emergencies. I try to be prompt about replying to e-mail. However, you should give me about **24-48** hours to respond depending on the nature of the question. All email correspondence must take place using your **Colorado.edu** email address (in which case your email must include your name, and your course number) or your **canvas** account. **Sometimes email gets lost (goes into spam), or slips my notice, so if you have not heard back from me in 2 days, do not hesitate to send another email.**
- **PHONE:** +1 (720) 609-7071. This is my cell phone number. Call, or text me anytime between 10 am – 7 pm MST. IF I do not answer, leave a message, or send a text regarding when it is a good time to get a hold of you and I will call you back. Realize that all questions cannot be ( no)-2 (u)1 ( MCID t-17.6 Tw 0.3055 (0)2 ( a9z(t be) 0.30ayte)-2 (s)1 n)4 (ot)4 3 (

especially important with respect to individuals and topics dealing with race, color, national origin, sex, pregnancy, age, disability, creed, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, veteran status, political affiliation, or political philosophy. For more information, see the policies on [classroom behavior](#) and the [Student Code of Conduct](#).

#### **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.

#### **PREFERRED STUDENT NAMES AND PRONOUNS**

CU Boulder recognizes that students' legal information does not always align with how they identify. Students may update their preferred names and pronouns via the student portal; those preferred names and pronouns are listed on instructors' class rosters. In the absence of such updates, the name that appears on the class roster is the student's legal name.





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### TECHNOLOGY REQUIREMENTS AND SUPPORT

- Visit the official [Canvas Computer Specifications Page](#) for the latest list of recommended system requirements.
- Visit the [Supported Browsers Page](#) for the detailed list of internet browsers in Windows, Mac OS, and Linux.