ECON 3070-001 : Intermediate Microeconomics Theory Maymester 2014

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Office Hours: MF: 08:00 p.m.-09:00 p.m. and recitation (TBD)

Lecture: 09:00 – 12:00 p.m., MUEN E4

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

The study of Economics is much more than a simple college course; it is an entire way of thinking and of interpreting the events of the world around us. In this course, we will learn how to extend those concepts you first learned in your introductory courses with graphical and analytical tools, as well as with some intuition.

PREREQUISITES:

ECON 2010 and ECON 1088 (or MATH 1310)

TEXTBOOK:

The textbook from Intermediate Microeconomics: A Modern Approach (Hal R. Varain) is a useful reference for this course, however I do not require any textbook for this class.

Abridged lecture notes will be emailed to the class at the end of each week

PROBLEM SETS:

A problem set will be posted at the beginning of each week on D2L. Although not collected nor graded, these are valuable exercises to practice the concepts presented during lecture. You will not learn the material by only sitting in class and listening to me. You need to practice. We will go over some questions in class or in recitation, but you will solve most of the problem sets by yourselves. Solutions will be posted on D2L at the end of the week.

EXAMS:

An exam is scheduled at the end of each week (Friday), during regular class time. No early, late, or make-up exams will be given. These exams -- except the last one-- are not cumulative and will focus on the material cov

EMAIL:

I will answer emails between 9:00 am and 5:00 pm from Monday to Friday. I will do my best to return emails within 24 hours. I will not respond to emails asking questions answered in the syllabus (grading, office hours/location) or requesting information about grades.

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.

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.

HONOR CODE:

All students of the University of Colorado at Boulder are responsible for knowing and adhering to the academic integrity policy of this institution. Violations of this policy may include: cheating, plagiarism, aid of academic dishonesty, fabrication, lying, bribery, and threatening behavior. All incidents of academic misconduct shall be reported to the Honor Code Council (honor@colorado.edu; 303-725-2273). Students who are found to be in violation of the academic integrity policy will be subject to both academic sanctions from the faculty member and non-academic sanctions (including but not limited to university probation, suspension, or expulsion).

Since students are individually responsible for their knowledge and adherence to the University's honor code, it is not my duty to inform you when you have committed a violation. However, I am responsible to enforce the rules of the university and will therefore, at the end of the semester, submit a failing grade for anyone I have observed in violation of the code. Students concerned about the ethics of their classroom behavior will be expected to submit a written summary of the behavior in question and any additional pertinent information I should be made aware of within 24 hours of the occurrence