

PRINCIPLES OF MACROECONOMICS  
ECON 2020-581

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UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO BOULDER  
INSTRUCTOR: DR. ALPNA BHATIA  
FALL 2020: AUG 31-DEC 13

CLASS WEBSITE ACCESS VIA CANVAS.

OFFICE HOURS: Wed, Thur: 9:30 am-11:50 am and via appointment

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INSTRUCTOR

Dr Alpna Bhatia (Dr B) has a Ph.D. in Economics from the University of Colorado at Boulder. Her areas of academic research and interest include (but are not limited too) gender issues, sustainable development, and teaching methodology. Outside of class, Dr B is the chief experimenter in he

Under Course List, [click "Econ 2020:Principles of Macroeconomics"](#)

#### COURSE MATERIALS

Textbook (required): Schiller and Gebhardt: The Macro Economy Today, 15th edition with access to Connect. Connect is where you will read your textbook and complete some graded assignments. You will access Connect through our course website, Canvas.

Purchase options: note that an eText is included with Connect. Purchase access to Connect through:  
[McGraw Hill](#): \$107 for the digital ebook+connect Access.

2. Directly in the Canvas course: To \_\_\_\_\_



MODEL PREP: There will be a weekly (Econ) Model Prep activity that will revolve around math or writing about economics being used that week. There will be twelve (12) Model Prep activities, in total, and the lowest of these model prep assignments will be dropped from your final grade calculation. These model prep assignments are open book and open notes as well and are due by Wednesday midnight of each module. Credit is awarded only when completed by the due date. Each Model Prep Assignment is worth 5 points.

LEARNSMART: Each chapter has an associated LearnSmart activity on Connect, worth 5 points. Students complete this activity by answering questions until they reach the target score. Once students reach the target score, they receive full credit (a grade of 100%) for completing the activity. Students may continue answering questions to review even after they've completed the activity or after the due date has passed BUT credit is awarded only when completed by the due date. I will count your 11 best Learn Smarts scores. Learn Smarts are due Wednesday or Friday midnight of each module. Credit is awarded only when completed by the due date.

PROBLEM SETS: Each module ends with a problem set due Sunday midnight. There are twelve (12) Problem sets each worth 30 points. The problem sets will include a combination of multiple choice, calculations, and short answer questions and will be open book and open notes. You will have two tries on each attempt of your problem set and the lowest of your problem set grade will be dropped from your grade calculation. Credit is awarded only when completed by the due date

DISCUSSION OR EXERCISES: Formal class discussion and exercises help extend economic analysis by relating actual events to the theories presented in class. There will be six (6) discussions or exercise postings, each worth 30 points. Again, I will drop your lowest score on one of these exercises. These are open book and open notes.

Data exercises will require you to manipulate and interpret data related to the money and banking economic issues. These data exercises will be accessed through Canvas, Econ Low Down or FRED. The exercises (20 points) will need to be completed by Friday midnight. Comment on your data exercise or peer evaluation (10 points) will be 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. I will post a discussion question and you (or your group, if discussion is assigned as a group activity) 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

I closely monitor the discussion boards but grade the board 31.77 414.19 TDs 12 Tf1 0 0 1 108.02 372.91 Tm0 g0 G



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: Call, or text me anytime between 10 am – 7 pm MST. IF I don't 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 answered over the phone and I may ask to meet with you (on zoom) anyways.

#### COURSE POLICIES

##### POLICY ON DUE DATES

It is your responsibility to turn in each assignment on the required date. In general, there are NO EXTENSIONS. I will drop the lowest of your grades: 1 model prep, 1 Learn Smart, 1 problem set, and 1 exercise/discussion. So, you can miss a whole week and still be ok. The exceptions I may consider are sickness, university excused function, military service or circumstances beyond the students' control. I reserve the sole right to determine what grounds constitutes a reasonable excuse for missing or submitting a late work assignment, and the right to require the student to submit proper verification of such excuse.

##### CLASS BEHAVIOR

Both students and faculty are responsible for maintaining an appropriate learning environment in all instructional settings, whether in person, remote or online. Those who fail to adhere to such behavioral standards may be subject to discipline. Professional courtesy and sensitivity are 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







