

# Math Tools for Economists I

## ECON 1078-002, Fall 2013

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**Office** ECON 309C  
**Office Hours** Friday 11:30-1:30, and by appointment, via email

**Course Website** The course website is accessed through Desire2Learn where you will find all related course materials.

### Course Description and Objectives

Economics is an extremely mathematical discipline. This course and the following course (ECON 1088) are designed to get all students interested in Economics well acquainted with mathematical tools necessary for success in Economics courses. See tentative schedule for topics covered in this course.

### Expectations

You can expect me to do my best to help you succeed in this course. I will try my best to answer all questions, provide practice material, provide applications of the material and encourage active thought in the classroom. You may expect me to be respectful and professional at all times by arriving on time, silencing my phone, reserving personal conversation for before and after class, and being courteous with everyone.

I expect you to take the class seriously and to ask questions when something is unclear and actively participate to help us all understand the material better. I also expect you to be respectful and professional at all times by arriving on time, silencing your phone, reserving personal conversation for before and after class, and being courteous with everyone.

### Cheating Policy

I take cheating and academic integrity very seriously. I will not tolerate cheating of any kind in the course. This includes everything from bringing absent friends' clickers to copying answers on quizzes and exams. I will determine punish for cheating instances on an ad hoc basis, but I will not hesitate to give a failing grade for the instance in question,

or for the entire course. I will report all instances to the honor code, which will mete out their own punishment, in addition to the one I deem fit. **DON'T CHEAT!** It darkens the reputation of you and your school, and makes me sad.

We will use clickers in this class. Your class participation grade will come from clicker participation. Each clicker question will be worth 2 points. You will earn 1 point for answering the question and 1 point answering the question correctly. You are encouraged to discuss the questions with your neighbors to come to an answer. I will not begin clickers until Friday (August 30). You will need to have your clicker and book by that date.

## **Quizzes**

but note that doing the homework will most definitely improve your quiz grade and your overall grade. We will also use the MYECONLAB included with your text. I will suggest problems, but not count things toward your grade. It will be used mainly as a study tool and way for you to get immediate feedback at your convenience.

**Additional Notes:**

**Students with Disabilities**

If you qualify for accommodations because of a disability, please submit to me a letter from Disability Services at least two weeks before exams so that your needs be addressed. Disability Services determines accommodations based on documented disabilities. Contact: 303-492-8671, Center for Community N200, and <http://www.Colorado.EDU/disabilityservices>.

If you have a temporary medical condition or injury, see guidelines at <http://www.colorado.edu/disabilityservices/go.cgi?select=temporary.html>.

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academic sanctions (including but not limited to university probation, suspension, or expulsion). Other information on the Honor Code can be found at <http://www.colorado.edu/policies/honor.html> and at <http://www.colorado.edu/academics/honorcode/>.

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