

Syllabus
Math Tools for Economists II
ECON1088-002
2018 Spring

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Class Meeting: Monday, Wednesday & Friday 2:00pm - 2:50pm, ECON119

Office Location:

I want you to understand what you are doing and calculators are a major impediment to understanding, so I will make sure that any actual calculations you need to perform on the test will be straight forward, so using a calculator is unnecessary.

NOTES

I will ask you do small practice problems along with lectures during class so it is a good idea to bring a spiral note book and pens to work with me in class. If you must miss lecture for any reason, please be sure to obtain the notes from a classmate and come to my office to discuss any of the material from lecture.

OFFICE HOURS

Office hours are established to help you succeed. You should use them as a resource to get extra help on lecture material, problem sets, express concerns or difficulties in your study and to explore ideas you are interested in. Coming to office hours is a good indication that you care about your studies enough to take extra steps.

EMAIL

I encourage you to email me with any questions or concerns. Please be polite and considerate in all email communications. I will do my best to respond within 24 hours. This response may come in the form of an email directly back to you or if the answer would be beneficial to the entire class, a mass email communication to the class or an announcement during the lecture. **Grades will not be discussed over email.**

ATTENDANCE

Attendance is required for this course, and you will not do well in this course unless you attend class regularly. I will randomly take six times attendance throughout the semester. You are allowed to have three unexcused absences without consequence. I will deduct 3 points for each subsequent absence. For example, if your attendance is between 4-6 times, you get full 10 points. If your attendance is 1, 2 or 3 you get 1, 4, or 7 points respectively out of the total 10 attendance points. If you miss a class when attendance is counted for medical or family emergency, you must bring me written documents that clearly state the date you are absent right after you come back to class.

LATE HOMEWORK/GRADED WORK

You will have at least one week for any homework assignment. Homework must be turned in on time. The due date for each assignment will be given at the time it is handed out. I will deduct 50% of the grade for that assignment for each day after the due date. Failing to turn in homework will result in zero credit.

MISSED EXAMINATIONS

There will be **no makeup** exams. If a medical or family emergency arises, contact me right after you come back to class. Then schedule a meeting with me and bring a documented medical or family emergency notification. Missed exam will be given no weight in the calculation of the final grade and other exams will be reweighted accordingly.

If you have three or more final exams (including mine) scheduled for the same day, you can reschedule my final exam if you would like. If you are a student athlete, and your game schedules conflicts with exam schedule, please inform me in a written note, so I can arrange your exam proctored by an athletic administrator. For any of these accommodations, you are required to let me know by Monday, March 5th, 2018.

CHEATING

Cheating is NOT tolerated in this class. *honesty is the mantra for this department*, so dear yourself from all suspicious behavior. If I have strong suspicions of dishonest behavior, first, I am obligated to impose an academic sanction that includes failure in the course even for a single instance. Second, I am obligated to report all incidents of academic misconduct to the Honor Code Office. Cheating results in severe setback for you and considerable administration time for me, so my best advice to you is to be honest.

GRADE ADJUSTMENT

You will be responsible for monitoring your own grades. All communication about grades is through D2L or in person, not through email. I will post grades for all graded work in timely manner. If you have questions about grades, you should come to talk to me immediately. I will not accept individual request on changing grades two weeks after they are posted.

I reserve the rights to curve the grades for any individual exam or course overall. No grades will be adjusted after an overall course curve has been applied. Individual requests for extra credit or grade adjustment will be denied in order to maintain fairness to all students in class.

ASSESSMENT and GRADING

Evaluations will take the following forms:

Classroom Behavior Policy

Students and faculty each have responsibility for maintaining an appropriate learning environment. Students who fail to adhere to such behavioral standards may be subject to discipline. Faculty has the professional responsibility to treat all students with understanding, dignity and respect, to guide classroom discussion and to set reasonable limits on the manner in which they and their students express opinions.

Professional courtesy and sensitivity are especially important with respect to individuals and topics dealing with differences of race, culture, religion, politics, sexual orientation, gender variance, and nationalities. Class rosters are provided to the instructor with the student's legal name. I will gladly honor your request to address you by an alternate name or gender pronoun. Please advise me of this preference early in the semester so that I may make appropriate changes to my records. See policies at <http://www.colorado.edu/policies/classbehavior.html> and at http://www.colorado.edu/studentaffairs/judicialaffairs/code.html#student_code.

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; 303725-2273).

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

Discrimination & Harassment Policy

The University of Colorado at Boulder Discrimination and Harassment Policy and Procedures, the University of Colorado Sexual Harassment Policy and Procedures, and the University of Colorado Conflict of Interest in Cases of Amorous Relations

Tentative Course Schedule