#### Course Introduction:

This is an introductory class on macroeconomics, which is the study of the performance, structure, behavior and decision-making of an entire economy. The course is designed to provide students with a comprehensive framework for analyzing macroeconomic events and issues. The topics we shall cover throughout the semester include the determination of output, unemployment, inflation, interest rates, exchange rates, business cycles, and long-run economic growth.

The questions of concern will include: Why are some countries rich and others hopelessly poor? What are the sources of economic booms and recessions? Why is there unemployment? What are the sources of inflation? And how do government policies affect output, inflation and unemployment?

# Assignments and Grading:

Midterm 1	20%
Midterm 2	20%
Final Exam	30%
MindTap Homework	15%
Recitation Attendance	10%
Required Lecture Attendance	5%
Bonus Lecture Attendance	4%

Total 104%

## **Exam Dates** Midterm 1: Friday Feb 24<sup>th</sup>, During Class Time

Midterm 2: Friday, April 7th, During Class Time

Final Exam: Tuesday, May 9<sup>th</sup> 1:30-4:00pm, in regular classroom.

### Exam Details:

All exams are held in the same classroom as the lectures. Midterms are non-cumulative. Each midterm has 25 multiple-choice questions. Students will be provided with practice midterms at the beginning of the semester. Studying the practice midterms is the best way to prepare for the actual midterms.

Final exam is cumulative. It includes 45 multiple choice questions. The Final exam date and time is May 9<sup>th</sup> 1:30-4:00pm, in regular classroom.

#### Exam Absence:

If a student fails to show up for a midterm exam without an acceptable absence, the student will receive a zero. If students have acceptable excuses for the absences, the weights of the missed exams will be moved to later exams. In any situation, midterm-exam make ups are not

allowed. Final exam make ups are allowed for students with acceptable excuses.

Lecture Attendance: Half of the lecture attendance is required and accounts for 5% of final course grade. There are roughly 35 lectures where attendance will be recorded. 18 are required. Every 3 absences below 18 equal 1% grade drop.

The following table shows a detailed attendance grading rubric.

To take attendance, students should bring electronic devices to class and log into their iClicker account at the beginning of each lecture. Once logged in, wait for the instructor to start recording join the lecture on their electronic device. Students need to be in the dassroom to take attendance. If the students are far away from the classroom, the

If students have excuses for recitation absences, please contact the teaching assistant directly. Recitations start on the second week of the semester.

MindTap Homework: Students do not need to pay for MindTap separately. Students automatically purchase the materials when enrolled. Make sure to register MindTap using CU boulder emails. After registration, students should have access to MindTap without paying an additional fee. Students are required to use MindTap to complete homework. Homework accounts for 15% of final course grades. MindTap is an online course platform that enables online access to homework, textbooks and study tools. Registration links can be found on the Canvas course page.

> Homework assignments are usually due each Sunday at 11:59 pm. There may be one or more assignments due every week. Three MindTap homework assignments will be dropped when calculating final grades.

# Tentative Course Schedule

Week Starting On: Contents to Be Covered:

Jan 17<sup>th</sup>

Course Mechanism, and Logistics

Jan 23rd