



Department of Economics Course Outline

		Term:	Summer 2005
Course:	Economics 303 Intermediate Economic Theory Macroeconomics I	Section:	60
Time:	MW 18:00-20:50	Place:	ST 126
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Textbook:

Macroeconomics

, Dornbusch, Fischer, Startz, Atkins, & Sparks, McGraw Hill Ryerson, 7th Canadian edition.

[Required]

Book(s) on Reserve:

None

Blackboard:

This course will make use of blackboard ? students who are registered in the course can logon at

<http://blackboard.ucalgary.ca/webapps/login>

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This course is intended to familiarize you with the basic elements of modern macroeconomic theory. The purpose of the courses is to provide you with an understanding of what causes inflation, unemployment, economic growth, etc., and to

look at what might be (and what might not be!) the appropriate government policies with respect to these macroeconomic variables.

Grade Determination and Final Examination Details:

2 Assignments - 10% each	20%
One midterm	40%
Final examination	40%

The dates for the midterm will be announced in the first week of classes.

Tests and final exams are marked on a numerical (percentage) basis, and then converted to letter grades. The course grade is then calculated using the weights indicated above. As a guide to determining standing, these letter grade equivalences will generally apply:

A+	96 ? 100	B	73 ? 76	C-	60 ? 62
A	85 ? 95	B-	70 ? 72	D+	56 ? 59
A-	80 ? 84	C+	67 ? 69	D	50 ? 55
B+	77 ? 79	C	63 ? 66	F	0 ? 49

If, for some reason, the distribution of grades determined using the aforementioned conversion chart appears to be abnormal the instructor reserves the right to change the grade conversion chart if the instructor, *at the instructor's discretion*, feels it is necessary to more fairly represent student achievement.

A passing grade on any particular component of the course is not required for a student to pass the course as a whole.

Non

-programmable calculators will be allowed during the writing of tests, midterms and final examinations.

There will be a Registrar scheduled final examination, lasting 2 hours, and held in a classroom.

Tests and exams will not involve multiple choice questions.

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I assume that the reason you are attending my class is to acquire an understanding of macroeconomic theory and policy. It has been my experience that this task is made much easier and far more enjoyable for all involved (me included) if we can maintain a relaxed but respectful atmosphere in the classroom. For my part, maintaining such an atmosphere requires that I be respectful of your time, your questions, and your concerns. I will therefore strive to be on time for lectures and office hours, answer your questions as well as I am able, and listen to your concerns. For your part, maintaining a respectful atmosphere requires that you avoid being late for class, that you refrain from leaving before the lecture ends, and that you not talk when either I or one of your classmates is speaking.

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Note:

- Students seeking reappraisal of a piece of graded term work (term paper, essay, etc.) should discuss their work with the Instructor within one week of the work being returned to the class.

Students should be aware of the importance of appropriate sequencing of their courses to meet all the graduation requirements, especially in the Honours program. Honours students should complete MATH 249 or 251, and MATH 211 no later than the second year. This is very important because these courses are prerequisites for ECON 387/389, which in turn are prerequisites for ECON 557/559. Also, STAT 213 should be completed no later than the third year because it is a prerequisite for ECON 315, which in turn is a prerequisite for ECON 419. We suggest that you consult the "Department of Economics Explicit Syllabus", which is available at

<http://econ.ucalgary.ca/programs/undergrad/ES.htm>, or the University of Calgary Calendar. If you want help in designing your program, you should speak with a Student Advisor in the Department of Economics.

- A make-up or deferred final exam will not be given except in cases of extreme personal emergencies. If, for such a reason, a deferred final exam is allowed, it will not be given before the scheduled exam date

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