



Department of Economics Course Outline

		Term:	Fall 2014
Course:	Economics 323 [Natural Gas Markets]	Section:	01
Time:	T 18:00-20:45	Place:	ICT 114 (subject to change)
Instructor:	Dr. Afshin Honarvar		
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Textbook(s):

Our Petroleum Challenge, Canadian Resources. Global Markets, 8th edition, (2013) Canadian Centre for Energy Information. **[Recommended]**

Dahl, Carol (2004), *International Energy Markets, Understanding Pricing, Policies and, Profits*, Latest edition, PennWell Publishing. **[Recommended]**

Additional reading to be available on Blackboard

Book(s) on Reserve:

Our Petroleum Challenge, Canadian Resources. Global Markets, 8th edition, (2013) Canadian Centre for Energy Information.

Dahl, Carol (2004), *International Energy Markets, Understanding Pricing, Policies and, Profits*, Latest edition, PennWell Publishing.

Alberta Energy Regulator, ST98 -2014 Alberta's Energy Reserves 2013 and Supply/Demand Outlook 2014-2023.

Course Objective:

The main objective of this course is to provide the student with an understanding of the economics of natural gas markets. The course will cover the chain of activities that bring natural gas from an undiscovered resource to a commodity available for sale, providing both historical context and economic analysis of each activity. The incentives and economic decisions behind gas finding and production, pipeline transportation and

storage, and distribution and consumption will be explored. Students will also gain an understanding of regulations that have influenced the development of the natural gas market.

Websites

The following institutional websites provide significant amounts of information with respect to the natural gas industry:

Alberta Energy Regulator (AER) – www.aer.ca

Alberta Department of Energy (ADOE) – www.energy.gov.ab.ca

British Petroleum (BP) - <http://www.bp.com>

Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers (CAPP) – www.capp.ca

International Energy Agency (IEA) – www.iea.org

National Energy Board (NEB) – www.neb.gc.ca

Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) – www.opec.org

US Department of Energy/Energy Information Administration (DOE/EIA) – www.eia.doe.gov

Course Structure and Topics:

The Course is organized around readings and discussions in the following areas:

1. North American Natural Gas Supply Resources and Markets
2. Understanding the physical nature of Natural Gas and Natural Gas Liquids
3. Energy Conversions
4. The nature of supply and demand in the market
for Natural Gas
for Natural Gas Liquids
5. Economic theory and markets
6. Price setting and market trading
7. Externalities and the Environment
8. Transportation and Pipeline Industry
9. Forecasts in the light of shale gas revolution in the US
10. Regulations and their impacts

Grade Determination and Final Examination Details:

Mid-term1	1.5 hrs 30%	(Tuesday October 7, 2014)
Mid-term2	1.5 hrs 30%	(Tuesday November 4, 2014)
Final Exam	2 hrs 40%	(Will be announced by the registrar's office)

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 apply:

A+	96 - 100	B	75 - 78	C-	60 - 62
A	89 - 95	B-	70 - 74	D+	55 - 59
A-	83 - 88	C+	67 - 69	D	50 - 54
B+	79 - 82	C	63 - 66	F	0 - 49

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 or final examinations.

The final examination will be scheduled by the Registrar. It will last two hours and will be held in an assigned room. Examinations and quizzes may contain multiple choice questions.

Notes:

- Students seeking reappraisal of a piece of graded term work (term paper, essay, etc.) should discuss their work with the Instructor *within fifteen days* of the work being returned to the class.
- Make-up midterm examinations will not be given under any circumstances. With appropriate documentation, the weight of the midterm will be moved to the final exam. Deferred examinations will not be given *except in cases of extreme personal emergencies*. Also, examinations will not be given *before* the indicated dates.
- Students' exams and assignments will be returned during regular class time.
- **The use of cell phones for any purpose in class is prohibited. Computers may be used for note-taking purposes only.**
- Please note that the following types of emails will receive no response: emails not addressed to anyone in particular; emails where the recipient's name is not spelled correctly; anonymous emails; emails in which the sender has not identified which course and section he/she is taking; and, emails involving questions that are specifically addressed on the course outline.
- **Instructor may discern to deviate from the topics stated in the outline.**

Desire2Learn: This course will make use of the Desire2Learn (D2L) platform. Students who are registered in the course can log on at <http://d2l.ucalgary.ca> using or through their student center. Please note that D2L features a class e-mail list that may be used to distribute course-related information. It is your responsibility to ensure that D2L uses the e-mail address of your choice.

- It is the student's responsibility to request academic accommodations. If you are a student with a documented disability who may require academic accommodation and have not registered with the Disability Resource Centre, please contact their office at 220-8237. Students who have not registered with the Disability Resource Centre are not eligible for formal academic accommodation. You are also required to discuss your needs with your instructor no later than fourteen (14) days after the start of this course.

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Society of Undergraduates in Economics (S.U.E.):

www.ucalgary.ca/sue

Society of Undergraduates in Economics is a student run organization whose main purpose is to assist undergraduate economics students succeed both academically and socially at the University of Calgary. Services include access to the exam bank, career partnerships with the Career Centre through hosting industry nights and information sessions, recognizing achievements in teaching, and organizing social events for members. They invite you to join by contacting sue@ucalgary.ca.

Faculty of Arts Program Advising and Student Information Resources

- Have a question, but not sure where to start? The Faculty of Arts Program Information Centre (PIC) is your information resource for everything in Arts! Drop in at SS102, call them at 403-220-3580 or email them at artsads@ucalgary.ca. You can also visit the Faculty of Arts website at <http://arts.ucalgary.ca/undergraduate> which has detailed information on common academic concerns.
- For program planning and advice, contact the Student Success Centre (formerly the Undergraduate programs Office) at 403-220-5881 or visit them on the 3rd Floor of the Taylor Family Digital Library.
- For registration (add/drop/swap), paying fees and assistance with your Student Centre, contact Enrolment Services at 403-210-ROCK [7625] or visit them in the MacKimmie Library Block.
- Online writing resources are available at <http://ucalgary.ca/ssc/writing-support/online-writing-resources>

Safewalk / Campus Security: 220-5333
Emergency Assembly Location – Social Sciences Food Court
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