

## Economics 499.3(L02) (Economics and Ethics)

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### Textbook(s):

Benjamin M. Friedman, The Moral Consequences of Economic Growth, Vintage Books, 2005.

Edmund Phelps, Mass Flourishing, Princeton University Press, 2013.

**Students should read these books before the course begins.**

**Book(s) on Reserve: None**

**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> through their student centre. Please note that D2L features a class e-mail list that may be used to distribute course-related information. The default is your University of Calgary e-mail address.

**Course Outline:** (Some topics may be added or deleted depending on time constraints.)

1. The Good Life
2. Eighteenth and Nineteenth Century Economic Thought.
3. Economic Growth, Innovation, and Moral Progress
4. Growth and the Environment
5. Growth and Income Distribution

### Grade Determination and Final Examination Details:

Test 1 will be held on June 3 and will count for 45% of your final grade.  
Test 2 will be held on June 17 and will count for 45% of your final grade  
Test 3 will be held on June 24 and will count for 10% of your final grade.

Tests and final exams are marked on a numerical (percentage) basis, 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	79 – 82	C-	60 – 65
A	91 – 95	B-	75 – 78	D+	55 – 59
A-	87 – 90	C+	71 - 74	D	50 – 54
B+	83 - 86	C	66 – 70	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.

### Notes:

1. Students should be aware that no "make-up" tests will be given. If a student does not write the final test on June 24, the student must apply for a deferred final exam. A 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 by the Registrar's Office, it will not be given before the scheduled deferred exam date. Deferred final examinations do not have to cover the same material or have the same format as the regular final examination.
2. No test will be given prior to the scheduled date. Any student who finds it necessary to miss Test 1 and/or Test 2 must notify the instructor in advance and produce a valid medical certificate or other required documentation in order to have the weighting adjusted. This adjustment will result in the weight assigned to the missed test(s) being added to the final test weight.
3. **Answers to the tests must make use of equations and diagrams wherever possible. Numerical questions require numerical answers.**
4. **Students will not be given extra time to complete the tests.**
5. Students should be aware of the academic regulations outlined in The University of Calgary Calendar.
6. **The use of cell phones for any purpose in class is prohibited. The classroom is a no cell phone zone. Computers may only be used for note-taking purposes.**
7. Students seeking reappraisal of a piece of graded term work should discuss their work with the instructor within 8 days of work being returned to class.

8. 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 which do not specify the course and section in which you are registered; and, emails involving questions that are specifically addressed on the course outline.
9. 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 403-220-8237. 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 eight (8) days after the start of this course.**

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

[www.ucalgary.ca/sue](http://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](mailto:sue@ucalgary.ca).

*Faculty of Arts Program Advising and Student Information Resources*

- Have a question, but not sure where to start? The Arts Students' Centre 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](mailto: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, including program planning and advice.
- 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://www.ucalgary.ca/ssc/resources/writing-support>