

Department of Economics Faculty of Arts



Economics 527(L01) (World Oil Economics)

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Textbook(s): Folder of readings available for purchase from Bound and Copied.

Book(s) on Reserve:

- 1. Adelman, M.A. "The Genie out of the Bottle: World Oil Since 1970, MIT Press, 1995.
- 2. Adelman, M.A. "The Economics of Petroleum Supply, MIT Press, 1993.
- 3. Horsnell, P. and R. Mabro, "Oil Prices and Markets", Oxford University Press, 1997.
- 4. Frank, H.J. (ed.), "The World Petroleum Market: Past & Future", International Association of Energy Economists, 1994.
- 5. Simmons, Matthew R., "Twilight in the Desert: The Coming Saudi Oil Shock and the World Economy", Wiley, 2005.
- 6. Yergin, Daniel, "The prize: The Epic Quest for Oil, Money & Power", Free Press, 1992.
- 7. Sampson, Anthony, "The Seven Sisters: The Great Oil Companies and the World They Made", Viking Press, 1975.
- 8. Marcel, Valerie, "Oil Titans", Brookings Institution, 2006.
- 9. Stevens, Paul (ed.) "The Economics of Energy, volumes I and II", Edward Elgar, 2000
- 10. Adelman, M.A., "The World Petroleum Market", Johns Hopkins Univ. Press, 1973.
- 11. Watkins, G. Campbell, "Petro markets: Probing the economics of continental energy", Fraser Inst. 1989.
- 12. Hannesson, Rognvaldur, "Petroleum Economics: Issues and Strategies of Oil and Natural Gas production", Quorum Books, 1998.

- 13. Penwell Books, "International Petroleum Encyclopedia", Penwell Publications, 2007.
- 14. Parra, Francisco, "Oil Politics", I.B. Tauris, 2004.
- 15. Maugeri, Leonardo, "The Age of Oil: What They Don't Want You to Know About the World's Most Controversial Resource", The Lyons Press, 2007.

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 centre. 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. The default is your University of Calgary e-mail address.

A detailed course outline will be available on the course web page to be located on the D2L website. The course web page will also contain a schedule of readings corresponding to each day that class meets, course announcements, and any other information to be distributed to the class.

Course Objectives:

The course will focus on the international crude oil market with particular emphasis on OPEC and the determinants of its behaviour.

A review of the simple analytics of oil price determination and the history of international oil prices;

Familiarity with major sources of data on the international petroleum industry;

- 1. Knowledge of major factors affecting the "supply side" of crude oil, and the relationship between supply price and market price in competitive and non-competitive markets;
- 2. Knowledge of the major factors which may have influenced the price of oil in international oil markets since 1973, and the strengths and weaknesses of various attempts to depict this in a simple model; and
- 3. Development of the ability to see the economic significance of current events and policy statements about international prices.

Grade Determination and Final Examination Details:

The grade will be based upon three in-class quizzes and the final exam as follows:

In-class Quizzes (3 @ 15% each)	45%
Term Paper	25%
Final Examination (comprehensive)	30%

The final exam will be scheduled by the Registrar and held in the classroom. It will be of two hours duration.

The final course grade will be obtained by weighting the numerical values (rather than letter grades) on the various exams and translating the numerical result back into a final letter grade for the course. The numerical-letter grade cut-off values will be as follows:

A+	99-100	В	82-87	C-	70-71
Α	92-98	B-	80-81	D+	68-69
A-	90-91	C+	78-79	D	60-67
B+	88-89	С	72-77	F	0-59

Deviations from the conversion chart listed above will only be made if it improves student grades.

Non-programmable calculators WILL be allowed during the writing of tests or final examinations.

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

Tests WILL NOT involve multiple choice questions.

Notes:

- All students must comply with the regulations published in the University Calendar concerning "Intellectual Honesty," "Examinations," etc.
- THERE WILL BE NO MAKEUP OR DEFERRED QUIZZES under any circumstances, nor may the
 quizzes be written early. Students unable to write the quizzes because of documented
 illness, family emergency, religious observance, or university-sanctioned event will have the
 weight shifted to the final examination; otherwise a grade of zero will be assigned.
 Documentation MUST be provided.
- 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.
- Students' papers will be returned during regular class time or at the time of the final exam.
 Papers may also be picked up by students during regular Office Hours.
- It is the student's responsibility to request academic accommodations. If you are a student with a documented physical, psychological, emotional, social, or other 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.):

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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 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. 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: 403 220 5333
Emergency Assembly Point: Professional Faculties Food Court

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