Department of Economics
Course Outline

		Term:	Winter 2012
Course:	Economics 559 [Topics in Economic Theory II]	**Section:**	01
Time:	MWF 14:00 – 14:50	**Place:**	SS 423 (subject to change)
Instructor:	Francisco M. Gonzalez		
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Textbook(s):

Robert J. Barro and Apostolos Serletis (2010): *Macroeconomics*, First Canadian Edition, Nelson Education.

Book(s) on Reserve:

Robert J. Barro and Apostolos Serletis (2010): *Macroeconomics*, First Canadian Edition, Nelson Education.

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This is an advanced course in Macroeconomic theory. The course is organized into three parts. The first part addresses the main problems of economic growth and development. The second part focuses on employment and unemployment fluctuations. In the third part, we will discuss the central problems of government policy.

A reading list will be provided in class.

Grade Determination and Final Examination Details:

Student performance will be evaluated through a collection of assignments worth 20 percent, and two midterm exams worth 40 percent each.

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+	95 – 100	B	73 - 76	C-	60 - 62
A	85 - 94	B-	70 - 72	D+	56 - 59
A-	80 - 84	C+	67 - 69	D	50 - 55
B+	77 - 79	C	63 - 66	F	0 - 49

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 examinations and deferred examinations will not be given *except in cases of extreme personal emergencies*. Also, examinations will not be given *before* the indicated dates.

- **Blackboard:** This course will make use of Blackboard - students who are registered in the course can log on at http://blackboard.ucalgary.ca/webapps/login . Please note that Blackboard features a class e-mail list that I will use. It is your responsibility to ensure that Blackboard uses the e-mail address of your choice; **and that the e-mail address recorded by the Registrar is correct.** (You can check your address on your Student Center.)

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