

Economics 559 (Topics in Economic Theory II)

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Course Outline: This is the honour's level course in macroeconomics. Using the basic structure of dynamic general equilibrium theory as a guiding principle, we learn some selected topics in macroeconomic theory. The materials in this course provide a strong background in dynamic economic analysis, and are useful in other applied fields, such as development, environment, labour, and trade.

Course Objectives/Learning Outcomes: Developing critical thinking about economic issues through modern macroeconomic theory, based on dynamic general equilibrium theory. Students will learn how to develop a consistent argument and make informed criticism about economic debates they see in news media.

Prerequisites/corequisites: Econ 357 and 359. May be repeated for credit

Textbook: There is no textbook for this course. A list of readings is handed out in the first class and maintained on the D2L.

Important Dates:

- February 11: Midterm 1
- March 15: Midterm 2

Desire2Learn: This course will make use of the Desire2Learn (D2L) platform. Please note that D2L features a class e-mail list that may be used to distribute course-related information. D2L sends e-mail only to your University of Calgary address.

E-mail Policy: To avoid confusion that is often created by email messages, I will not respond to any question sent by email regarding the course materials. Please come to the office hours for those questions.

TA: TA will hold one-hour office hour each week and occasional TA sessions. TA sessions are not required components of the course, but indispensable components nonetheless. TA will cover answer keys to the problem sets and introduce some additional useful materials. As my E-mail policy implies, TA will not respond to your email communication regarding the course materials. In addition, TA is not responsible for your question outside of the office hours and TA sessions. You are advised to refrain from asking the TA regarding the course materials outside of designated occasions.

Grade Determination and Final Examination Details: Student performance will be evaluated through four problem sets (worth 10%), two midterms (30% each), and final exam (30%). Each component receives the letter grade according to the table below, and then converted to the final letter grade *at the instructor's discretion* using the weights indicated above.

A+	Outstanding
A	Excellent – superior performance showing comprehensive understanding of the subject matter
B	Good – clearly above average performance with knowledge of subject matter generally complete
C	Satisfactory – basic understanding of the subject matter
D	Minimum pass – marginal performance
F	Fail

- Late work will not be accepted, and there will be no make-up or deferred exams.
- 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 not be allowed during the writing of tests or final examinations.
- There will be a Registrar- scheduled final examination, lasting **2** hours.
- Tests and exams will not involve multiple-choice questions.

Reappraisal of Grades

For reappraisal of graded term work, see Calendar I.2

<http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/i-2.html>

For reappraisal of final grade, see Calendar I.3

<http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/i-3.html>

A student who feels that a piece of graded term work (e.g., term paper, essay, test) has been unfairly graded, may have the work re-graded as follows. The student shall discuss the work with the instructor within 15 days of being notified about the mark or of the item's return to the class; no reappraisal of term work is permitted after the 15 days. If not satisfied, the student shall immediately take the matter to the Head of the department offering the course, who will arrange for a reassessment of the work within the next 15 days. The reappraisal of term work may cause the grade to be raised, lowered, or to remain the same. If the student is not satisfied with the decision and wishes to appeal, the student shall address a letter of appeal to the Dean of the faculty offering the course within 15 days of the unfavourable decision. In the letter, the student must clearly and fully state the decision being appealed, the grounds for appeal, and the remedies being sought, along with any special circumstances that warrant an appeal of the reappraisal. The student should include as much written documentation as possible.

Plagiarism and Other Academic Misconduct

Intellectual honesty is the cornerstone of the development and acquisition of knowledge and requires that the contribution of others be acknowledged. Consequently, plagiarism or cheating on any assignment is regarded as an extremely serious academic offense. Plagiarism involves submitting or

presenting work in a course as if it were the student's own work done expressly for that particular course when, in fact, it is not. Students should examine sections of the University Calendar that present a Statement of Intellectual Honesty and definitions and penalties associated with Plagiarism/Cheating/Other Academic Misconduct,

<http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/k.html>

Academic Accommodation

Students seeking an accommodation based on disability or medical concerns should contact Student Accessibility Services; SAS will process the request and issue letters of accommodation to instructors. For additional information on support services and accommodations for students with disabilities Visit www.ucalgary.ca/access/.

Students who require an accommodation in relation to their coursework based on a protected ground other than disability should communicate this need in writing to their Instructor. The full policy on Student Accommodations is available at

www.ucalgary.ca/policies/files/policies/student-accommodation-policy_0.pdf

Absence from a Quiz/Test/Exam

THERE WILL BE NO MAKEUP OR DEFERRED QUIZZES/TESTS/EXAMS under any circumstances, nor may the quizzes/tests/exams be written early. Students unable to write the quizzes/tests/exams 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. If a student cannot write their final exam on the date assigned by the Registrar's Office, they need to apply for a deferred exam www.ucalgary.ca/registrar/exams/deferred_final Under no circumstance will this be accommodated by the department.

Important Dates

Please check: <http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/academic-schedule.html>

Faculty of Arts Students' Association (F.A.S.A.):

Economics Department Representative

Office: SS 803, E-mail: econrep@fasaucalgary.ca Web: www.fasaucalgary.ca

Society of Undergraduates in Economics

www.ucalgarysue.com

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, 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>

Evacuation Assembly Point

In case of an emergency evacuation during class, students must gather at the designated assembly point nearest to the classroom. The list of assembly points is found at

www.ucalgary.ca/emergencyplan/assemblypoints

Please check this website and note the nearest assembly point for this course

Safewalk

The safewalk program provides volunteers to walk students safely to their destination anywhere on campus. This service is free and available 24 hrs/day, 365 days a year.

Call 403-220-5333