

Economics 201(L03) (Principles of Microeconomics)

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Textbook(s): Mankiw et al. *Principles of Microeconomics*, 6th Canadian edition. Thomson Nelson. + Mindtap Access Kit

OR Digital only Alternative: Mankiw et al. MindTap Access Code (includes e-book, Mankiw chapter roadmap videos, Problem walk through tutorials, Flashcards, Practice quizzes, Aplia Homework (graded assignments))

The MindTap registration URL for this section is: <http://login.nelsonbrain.com/course/MTPP-088P-5006>

For more details on MindTap registration information, please refer to the Mankiw MindTap power point slides posted under Assignments in D2L.

Limited access to just the Aplia homework quizzes can be made available only in the campus labs if you are not purchasing MindTap. Please make an appointment with me to get the access information.

Book(s) on Reserve: Mankiw et al. *Principles of Microeconomics*, 6th Canadian edition. Thomson Nelson

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. These e-mails go to your University of Calgary e-mail addresses only.

Course Outline: This course focuses on fluctuations in the level of economic activity and the principle that “markets are usually a good way to organize economic activity”. (Some of the topics listed below may be deleted depending on time constraints.)

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| 1. The Economist’s View of the World and the Economic Way of Thinking | Chapters 1 - 3 |
| 2. Supply and Demand; How Markets Work | Chapters 4 - 6 |
| 3. Supply and Demand: Markets and Welfare | Chapters 7 – 9 |
| 4. The Economics of the Public Sector | Chapters 10 - 12 |
| 5. Firm behaviour and the Organization of Industry | Parts of Chapter 14, 15, 17 |

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| 6. The Economics of Labour Markets | Chapters 18 -19 |
| 7. Topics for Further Study | Chapter 22 |

Tutorials:

Students are expected to attend the weekly tutorial section to which they have been assigned. During the tutorial section the TA will discuss pre-assigned questions/material relevant to the course.

Grade Determination and Final Examination Details:

4 assignments	20%
Midterm Examination, Oct. 22	30%
Final Examination	50%

Assignments and Practice Problems:

1. Assignments will be done in Mindtap/Aplia. Details concerning the submission of the assignments will be explained in class. Due dates will be posted during the first week of class.
2. All assignments will be due at 6:00 PM on the due date. It is your responsibility to remember the due dates. Late assignments cannot be accepted for any reason. Furthermore, technical problems can be expected to sometimes occur with computer systems and internet availability so it may be a good idea to not wait until the last minute to submit your assignment. Technical problems will not justify shifting the assignment weight to the final exam.
3. Course material dealing with a particular assignment will typically be covered in class at least one lecture before the assignment is due and assignments can be done at any time prior to the due date. Given these factors, only situations where someone can document illness or domestic affliction for an extended period (i.e. the entire 10 days prior to the assignment due date) would possibly warrant shifting the assignment weight to the final exam.
4. Emails regarding the assignments should be directed to the teaching assistants (TAs), who will be assigned to this course.
5. Emails regarding Mindtap/Aplia should be directed towards the providers of Mindtap. I am unable to help with computer issues.

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. The following letter grade equivalences will 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

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 necessary during the writing of tests or final examinations. Programmable calculators, cellphone, tablets and laptops are **NOT** allowed during the writing of tests or final examinations.

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

Tests and exams **WILL** involve multiple choice questions, and may contain essay style/problem solving questions. Students will not be given extra time to complete tests and exams.

Notes:

- All students must comply with the regulations published in the University Calendar concerning "Intellectual Honesty," "Examinations," etc.
- 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.
- 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 fourteen (14) days after the start of this course.
- Students who are unable to write the midterm because of an illness, family emergency or religious observance will have the midterm weight shifted to the final examination. Documentation **MUST** be provided. Students should be aware that no "make-up" midterms will be given.
- Students will be responsible for all material listed on the course outline, regardless of whether or not the material has been covered in class, unless the instructor notifies the class that the material will not be covered.
- The use of cell phones for any purpose in class is prohibited. The classroom is a no cell phone zone. Laptops and tablets may only be used for note-taking purposes.
- 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 or the course timeline.

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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 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>

Safewalk/Campus Security: 403 220 5333
Emergency Assembly Point: Social Science Food Court

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