



## Department of Economics Course Outline

		<b>Term:</b>	Spring 2013
<b>Course:</b>	Economics 203 (Principles of Macroeconomics)	<b>Section:</b>	LEC 20
<b>Time:</b>	MW 12:00 - 14:45	<b>Place:</b>	ST 143
<b>Instructor:</b>	Maksim Isakin		
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### **Textbooks:**

*Required:* Mankiw et al. *Principles of Macroeconomics*, 5th Canadian edition. Thomson Nelson. + Aplia Access Kit (sold together)  
OR  
Aplia Access Kit for Mankiw et al (see above) with online version of textbook

*Optional:* Study Guide for above.

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

**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 email-list that will be used. It is your responsibility to ensure that Blackboard uses the email address of your choice. The default is your University of Calgary email address.

**Course Outline:** The course offers an introduction to macroeconomic theory. The main focus is on the explanation of basic macroeconomic phenomena such as economic growth, unemployment, and inflation. The course also reviews the principles of government regulation including monetary and fiscal policy. Finally, the economic concepts under consideration distinguish between long and short run economic paradigms.

Topics	Chapters
The Data of Macroeconomics	5 – 6
The Real Economy in the Long Run	7 – 9
Money and Prices in the Long Run	10 – 11
The Macroeconomics of Open Economies	12 – 13
Short-Run Economic Fluctuations	14 – 16

**Grade Determination and Final Examination Details:**

Four assignments (in Aplia, best three counted)	20%
Midterm Examination	30%
Final Examination	50%

*Assignments:*

1. In order to complete assignments in this course, you will be required to access the Aplia website at <http://econ.aplia.com>. Please register on the website within the first week of classes.
2. Due dates for the assignments will be announced on the Aplia website during the first week of the semester. It is your responsibility to remember the due dates. Late assignments cannot be accepted by Aplia.
3. Course material dealing with a particular assignment will typically be covered in class at least one lecture before the assignment is due; thus, assignments can be done at any time prior to and including the due date. In addition, only the best 3 assignments of the 4 that are to be completed will count towards your final mark. Given these factors, only situations where someone can document illness or domestic affliction for an extended period (i.e., the entire 2 days prior to the assignment due date) would possibly warrant shifting the assignment weight to the final exam. 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 typically NOT JUSTIFY shifting the assignment weight to the final exam.**
4. Using Aplia, you will be given practice and graded problem sets. For the practice problem sets, you will obtain immediate feedback as to whether you have answered a question correctly. In many cases you will be provided with an explanation if you have not answered correctly. Your results in the practice problem sets are neither counted nor reported to the instructor. It is strongly recommended that you attempt the practice problems related to a particular assignment prior to completing the assignments.
5. Emails regarding Aplia should be directed towards the providers of Aplia, or to the teaching assistants (TAs), who will be assigned to this course.

The assignments, midterm 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:**

1. Examinations will not be given prior to the scheduled date. The midterm examination will be held during lecture time in class. The final examination will last for two hours and will be scheduled by the Registrar.
2. No deferred midterms will be given. Any student who finds it necessary to miss the midterm 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 final exam counting for 80% of the final grade and the Aplia assignments counting for 20% of the final grade. Note that deferred final examinations may contain short/long answer questions. Also, deferred final examinations do not have to cover the same material or have the same format as the regular final examination.
3. Examinations will consist of multiple choice questions and may also include short (open ended) problems. In addition, the examinations will be closed-book. The final examination will be a comprehensive exam of all material covered in the course.
4. Non-programmable calculators will be allowed during the examinations. The use of graphing calculators, cell phones, computers, and other electronic devices will not be permitted.
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 will be a no cell phone zone. Computers may be used for note-taking purposes only.
7. Students seeking reappraisal of a piece of graded term work should discuss their work with the instructor *within seven days* of the work being returned to class. However, the earliest that grades will be discussed will be two days after the return of an assignment or examination.
8. 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.
9. 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.
10. 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 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 seven 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*

11. Have a question, but not sure where to start? The Faculty of Arts Program Information Centre (PIC) 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.
12. For program planning and advice, contact the Student Success Centre (formerly the Undergraduate programs Office) at 403-220-5881 or visit them on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor of the Taylor Family Digital Library.
13. 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.
14. 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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