



Department of Economics Course Outline

Term: Winter 2004

Course: Economics 203
[Principles of Macroeconomics]

Section: [04, 05, 08, 10]

Time: [04] MWF 11:00 ? 11:50
[05] MWF 13:00 ? 13:50
[08] TR 14:00 ? 15:15
[10] TR 08:00 ? 09:15

Place: [04] CHC 119
[05] CHC 119
[08] ST 140
[10] KNB 132

Tutorial TBA

[subject to change]

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Textbook(s):

- *Required*

Lipsey, *Macroeconomics*, Pearsoned, 10th Canadian edition.

Book(s) on Reserve:

Heilbroner, *From Main Street to the Edge*, Simon and Shuster, 1988 revised edition.

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Economics 203 is designed to introduce the student to "macro" (big) economics; i.e. economics on a large scale.

We will look at concepts such as unemployment, inflation, budget deficits, and government policies to deal with these

important social problems.

Grade Determination and Final Examination Details:

1.	Midterm Examination 1	25%
2.	Midterm Examination 2	25%
3.	Final Examination	50%

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. As a guide to determining standing, these letter grade equivalences will generally apply:

A+	96 ? 100	B	75 ? 79	C-	55 - 59
A	90 - 95	B-	70 ? 74	D+	50 ? 54
A-	85 ? 89	C+	65 ? 69	D	45 ? 49
B+	80 ? 84	C	60 ? 64	F	0 ? 44

If, for some reason, the distribution of grades determined using the aforementioned conversion chart appears to be abnormal the instructor reserves the right to change the grade conversion chart if the instructor, *at the instructor's discretion*, feels it is necessary to more fairly represent student achievement.

The final examination will be held during the examination period at a time and place to be determined by the Registrar. It will be two hours long, and will be held in a gymnasium.

Tests and exams will include multiple choice questions.

Calculators WILL NOT be allowed during the writing of tests or final examination.

A passing grade on any particular component of the course is not required for a student to pass the course as a whole.

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Notes:

- The midterm examinations will be held in class on a date to be announced. **THERE WILL BE NO MAKEUP OR DEFERRED TERM EXAMINATION** under any circumstances, nor may the examination be written early. Students unable to write the examination because of documented illness, family emergency or religious observance will have the weight shifted to the final examination; otherwise a grade of zero will be assigned.
- Should the writing of a midterm examination for an entire lecture section become impossible due to events beyond the control of the instructor (such as, and not exclusively consisting of; inclement weather, instructors illness, unavailable facilities, or other "acts of fate") the midterm examination will be written one week later.
- Students seeking reappraisal of a piece of graded term work (term paper, essay, etc.) should discuss their work with the Instructor within two weeks of the work being returned to the class.
- **WARNING: THIS IS NOT A CORRESPONDENCE COURSE! It is your responsibility to ensure that you attend class. It is not my responsibility to "fill you in" on what you miss if you are absent from a class. I will not answer questions which, in my opinion, are the result of nonattendance or lack of attention in class.**
- I write the tests and, as a rule, will test you on what I discuss in class, not on topics in the textbook which I do not discuss.

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