

Economics 203(L02) (Principles of Macroeconomics)

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Lecture Location: MFH 162
Lecture Days/Time: MWF 11 – 11:50

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Course Description:

This course will enable students to understand macroeconomic issues which arise in everyday life. This course focuses on fluctuations in a nation's level of economic activity, and their impacts on the economic well-being of citizens.

Course Objectives/Learning Outcomes:

Students should be able to explain the contemporary problems of unemployment, inflation, economic growth, and business cycles. This foundation will be necessary to understand the topics of national income determination, the monetary and banking system in Canada, and the role of elementary fiscal and monetary policies in the international economy. Students should be competent to take more advanced economic courses after completing this foundational course.

Course Outline:

This course focuses on fluctuations in the level of economic activity. (Some of the topics listed below may be deleted depending on time constraints.)

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| 1. The Data of Macroeconomics | Chapters 5 & 6 |
| 2. The Real Economy in the Long Run | Chapters 7 - 9 |
| 3. Money and Prices in the Long Run | Chapters 10 & 11 |
| 4. The Macroeconomics of Open Economies | Chapters 12 & 13 |
| 5. Short-Run Economic Fluctuations | Chapters 14 - 16 |
| 6. Final Thoughts | Chapter 17 |

Prerequisites/corequisites: Economics 201

Required Textbook(s):

Mankiw et al. *Principles of Macroeconomics*, 7th Canadian edition. Thomson Nelson. + Mindtap Access Kit **OR** Mindtap Access Kit for Mankiw et al (see above) with online version of textbook.

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.

Books on Reserve:

Mankiw et al. *Principles of Macroeconomics*, 7th 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.

Tutorials:

Tutorial locations and times will be posted in D2L. TA sessions are indispensable and an integral component of the course. Teaching assistants (TA) will hold weekly tutorials during the tutorial hours to go over questions from the text or online practice material that will be posted in D2L. Please email the TA any questions pertaining to lectures at least one day before the tutorial.

Grade Determination and Final Examination Details:

4 assignments, Feb. 2, Mar. 5, Mar. 26, Apr. 12	20%
Midterm Examination, March 9	30%
Final Examination	50%

Grading Scale

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

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.

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

As per the Writing Across the Curriculum Statement in the Calendar, writing and grading thereof will be a factor in the evaluation of student work.

Any student work which remains undistributed after the last day of classes will be available to students through the instructor's office during his office hours.

The final examination will be comprehensive, scheduled by the Registrar, held in a gym or a classroom, and last 2 hours. 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.

Tests and exams will involve multiple choice questions. Non-programmable calculators WILL NOT be allowed during the writing of tests or final examinations. **No cellphones, graphing calculators or any computing devices are allowed during the writing of tests or final exams.**

The date for the in-class midterm is Friday, March 9th. The location(s) will be posted in D2L by March 7th and announced in class.

THERE WILL BE NO MAKEUP OR DEFERRED ASSIGNMENTS or EXAMS under any circumstances, nor may the exams be written early. Students unable to write the 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.

Email Policy: 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 this course outline.

Cell Phone, Laptop and Tablet Policy: The classroom is a no cell phone zone, the use of cell phones for any purpose in class is prohibited. Please quietly leave the lecture if you need to use your phone. Laptops and tablets may only be used for note-taking purposes. Taking photographs with any camera/electronic device is prohibited without prior approval.

Reappraisal of Grades and Intellectual Honesty:

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>

Statement of Intellectual Dishonesty, see Calendar K.4

<http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/k-4.html>

Plagiarism and Other Academic Misconduct, , see Calendar K.5

<http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/k-5.html>

Academic Accommodations:

The student accommodation policy can be found at: ucalgary.ca/access/accommodations/policy.

Students needing an accommodation because of a disability or medical condition should communicate this need to Student Accessibility Services in accordance with the Procedure for Accommodations for Students with Disabilities ucalgary.ca/policies/files/policies/student-accommodation-policy.

Students needing an Accommodation based on a Protected Ground other than disability should communicate this need, preferably in writing, to the course instructor.

Important Dates:

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

Student Organizations:

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

Economics Department Representative

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

Society of Undergraduates in Economics:

<https://www.ucalgarysue.com/>.

Society of Undergraduates in Economics is a student run organization whose main purpose is to assist undergraduate economics students to succeed both academically and socially at the University of Calgary. Services include access to the exam bank, career events such as Industry Night and information sessions, mentorship programs, and social events for members. They invite you to join by contacting SUE at societyofundergradsineconomics@gmail.com.

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 assembly point for this classroom is **Education Block - Food Court**.

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.**

Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIP) Act:

Personal information is collected in accordance with FOIP. For more information, see <http://www.ucalgary.ca/legalservices/foip/foip-hia>.

Internet and Electronic Communication Device information:

The use of cell phones for any purpose in class is prohibited. Computers and tablets may be used for note-taking only.

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