

Department of Economics Course Outline

Term:

Section:

Fall 2004

01 & 04

Course: Economics 303

[Intermediate Economic Theory?

Macroeconomics I]

Time: MWF 09:00 ? 09:50 [01]

TR 12:30-13:45 [04]

Place:

SS 109 [01]

SB 144 [04]

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Textbook(s):

Dornbusch, R., S. Fischer, R. Startz, F. Atkins, and G. Sparks, *Macroeconomics*, 7th Canadian edition, McGraw-Hill Ryerson, 2005. [Required Text]

Book(s) on Reserve:

Dornbusch, R., S. Fischer, R. Startz, F. Atkins, and G. Sparks, *Macroeconomics*, 6th edition, McGraw-Hill Ryerson, 2002.

Blackboard:

Students who are registered in this course can log in at http://blackboard.ucalgary.ca/webapps/login.

Course Outline:

The course will closely follow the assigned text book; covering chapters 1-16. Some topics may be added or deleted depending on how quickly the course progresses. Upon successfully completing the course students can expect to gain an understanding of how an economy works and the role of government to stabilize the economy.

Grade Determination and Final Examination Details:

Two assignments @ 10% each	20%
Two midterms @ 20% each	40%
Final exam (Registrar-scheduled)	40%

The dates of the midterms and the assignments will be announced in first two weeks of classes.

Tests 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+	96 - 100	В	76 ? 80	C-	57- 60
A	91 - 95	B-	71 - 75	D+	53 - 56
A-	86 - 90	C+	66 - 70	D	50 - 52
B+	81 - 85	C	61 - 65	F	0 ? 49

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.

Students must pass the final exam to pass the course as a whole.

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

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

Tests and exams WILL NOT involve multiple choice questions.

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Notes:

- Students seeking reappraisal of a piece of graded term work (assignment, mid-term test) should discuss their work with the Instructor within two weeks of the work being returned to the class.
- Make-up mid-term tests/assignments and deferred mid-term tests/assignments will not be given. In cases of documented illness, documented family emergency, or documented religious observance, extra weight will be given to the final examination.
- Mid-term tests and the final examination will not be given before the indicated dates.
- Students are required to read the chapters listed in the outline.
- Students should be aware of the importance of appropriate sequencing of their courses to meet all the graduation requirements, especially in the Honours program. Honours students should complete Math 249 or 251, and Math 211 no later than the second year. This is very important because these courses are prerequisites for Econ 387/389, which in turn are prerequisites for Econ 557/559. Also Stat 213 should be completed no later than the third year because it is a prerequisite for Econ 315, which in turn is a prerequisite for Econ 419. We suggest that you consult the Calendar, and the brochure "Undergraduate Programs in Economics." If you still need help you should speak with a Student Advisor in the Economics Department.

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