



Department of Economics Course Outline

		Term:	Winter 2012
Course:	Economics 323 [Natural Gas Markets]	Section:	01
Time:	R 18:30 – 21:20	Place:	ICT 114 (subject to change)
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Textbook(s): [Required] Class Handout – This can be purchased in the department office (SS454) at the start of the term.

Book(s) on Reserve:

Arlon Tussing & Bob Tipee (eds.) *The Natural Gas Industry: Evolution, Structure, Economics*, Pennwell Books, 1995, 2nd edition.

Arthur DeVany and W. David Walls, *The Emerging New Order on Natural Gas: Markets versus Regulation*, Quorum Books, 1995.

Canadian Energy Research Institute (CERI) – *Natural Gas in Canada and the United States from Wellhead to Burner Tip*, January 2004.

Mansell, R. and J. Church, *Traditional and Incentive Regulations: Applications to Natural Gas Pipelines in Canada*, Van Horne Institute – 1995.

Course Objective:

The main objective of this course is to provide the student with an understanding of the economics of natural gas markets. The course will cover the chain of activities that bring natural gas from an undiscovered resource to a commodity available for sale, providing both historical context and economic analysis of each activity. The incentives and economic decisions behind gas finding and production, pipeline transportation and storage, and distribution and consumption will be explored. Students will also gain an understanding of regulations that have influenced the development of the natural gas market.

Course Outline**Readings:**

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| 1. Introduction and Overview of Gas Market | Class Handout Part A |
| 2. Exploration, Development and Operations | Class Handout Part B, CERI Chapter 1 |
| 3. Transportation | Mansell and Church (Ch.1-2), CERI Chapter 2 |
| 4. Regulation and Deregulation | CERI Chapter 4 |
| 5. Consumption | CERI Chapter 3 |
| 6. Production | Class Handout Parts C |
| 7. Pricing | CERI Chapter 4, Class Handout Part D |
| 8. Processing, Natural Gas Liquids and Petrochemicals | Class Handout Part E |

Websites

The following institutional websites provide significant amounts of information with respect to the natural gas industry:

Alberta Energy Resources Conservation Board (ERCB) – www.ercb.ca

Alberta Department of Energy (ADOE) – www.energy.gov.ab.ca

British Petroleum (BP) - <http://www.bp.com>

Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers (CAPP) – www.capp.ca

International Energy Agency (IEA) – www.iea.org

National Energy Board (NEB) – www.neb.gc.ca

Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) – www.opec.org

US Department of Energy/Energy Information Administration (DOE/EIA) – www.eia.doe.gov

In addition, the following specific resources from the previous websites will be referred to during the course (in some cases frequently):

Alberta Energy Resources Conservation Board (ERCB) - Alberta's Energy Reserves and Supply Demand Outlook - http://www.ercb.ca/docs/products/STs/st98_current.pdf

British Petroleum (BP) – Statistical Review of World Energy – <http://www.bp.com/sectionbodycopy.do?categoryId=7500&contentId=7068481>

National Energy Board (NEB) – Canadian Energy Overview – <http://www.neb-one.gc.ca/clf-nsi/rnrgynfmtn/nrgyrprt/nrgyvrw/cndnrgyvrw2009/cndnrgyvrw2009-eng.pdf>

National Energy Board (NEB) – Canadian Energy Demand and Supply to 2020 - <http://www.neb-one.gc.ca/clf-nsi/rnrgynfmtn/nrgyrprt/nrgyftr/2009/rfrncsscnr2009-eng.pdf>

National Energy Board (NEB) – Short Term Canadian Natural Gas Deliverability – <http://www.neb-one.gc.ca/clf-nsi/rnrgynfmtn/nrgyrprt/ntrlg/ntrlgdvlrblty20112013/ntrlgdvlrblty20112013-eng.pdf>

US Department of Energy/Energy Information Administration (DOE/EIA) – Annual Energy Outlook (AEO) - <http://www.eia.doe.gov/oiaf/aeo/index.html>

Grade Determination and Final Examination Details:

Assignment	10% - Due date: April 5
Midterm Examination	40% - February 16
Final Examination	50% - April 16-25

Tests and final exams are marked on a numerical (percentage) basis. The numerical grade in the course is then calculated using the weights indicated above. As a guide to determining standing, these letter grade equivalences will generally apply:

A+	98 - 100	B	75 - 79	C-	60 - 62
A	90 - 97	B-	70 - 74	D+	55 - 59
A-	85 - 89	C+	67 - 69	D	50 - 54
B+	80 - 84	C	63 - 66	F	0 - 49

A non-programmable, non-graphing, non-alphanumeric calculator may be allowed during the writing of tests or final examinations. The use of graphing calculators, cell phones, and computers is not permitted.

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

Exams may contain multiple choice questions.

Notes:

- 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.
- **Late assignments will not be accepted under any circumstances.**
- Make-up midterm examinations will not be given under any circumstances. With appropriate documentation, the weight of the midterm will be moved to the final exam. Deferred examinations will not be given *except in cases of extreme personal emergencies*. Also, examinations will not be given *before* the indicated dates.
- Students' exams and assignments will be returned during regular class time.
- **The use of cell phones for any purpose in class is prohibited. Computers may be used for note-taking purposes only.**
- 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.

- 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 fourteen (14) days after the start of this course.

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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. Join now by contacting sue@ucalgary.ca.

Faculty of Arts Program Advising and Student Information Resources

- Have a question, but not sure where to start? The new Faculty of Arts Program Information Centre (PIC) is your information resource for everything in Arts! Drop in at SS110, call us at 403-220-3580 or email us 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.
- For program planning and advice, contact the Student Success Centre (formerly the Undergraduate programs Office) at (403) 220-5881 or visit them in their new space on the 3rd Floor of the Taylor Family Digital Library.
- For registration (add/drop/swap), paying fees and assistance with your Student Centre, contact Enrolment Services at (403) 210-ROCK [7625] or visit them at the MacKimmie Library Block.

Safewalk / Campus Security: 220-5333
Emergency Assembly Location - SS Food Court

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