



Department of Economics Course Outline

Term: Summer 2004

Course: Economics 341
[Money and Banking]

Section: 60

Time: MW 18:00-20:50

Place: SB 144
(subject to change)

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Textbook(s):

Mishkin, Frederic S. & Apostolos Serletis, *The Economics of Money, Banking and Financial Markets*. 2nd Canadian ed. Pearson, 2004 [**Required text**].

Study Guide to Accompany The Economics of Money, Banking and Financial Markets, 2nd Canadian Edition, Pearson 2004. [**Optional text**]

Book(s) on Reserve:

None

Course Outline:

This is an introductory course in financial economics. It emphasises the determination of asset prices, changes in the money supply, and economic responses towards risk. (Some topics may be added or deleted depending on time constraints.)

Money, Banking and Financial Markets

Chapters 1 - 3

Asset Pricing and Interest Rate Determination

Chapters 4 - 6

The Foreign Exchange Market	Chapter 19
Managing Interest Rate Risk	Chapters 9 (pp. 209-211)
The Theory of Rational Expectations and Efficient Capital Markets	Chapter 7
Financial Derivatives	Chapter 13
Central Banking and Monetary Control	Chapters 15 - 17

Grade Determination and Final Examination Details:

There will be two mid-term tests (50 minutes each; the exam on which you attain a higher percentage will count for 30% and the exam on which you attain a lower percentage will count for 20%) and a Registrar scheduled final examination (2 hours; 50%).

First Midterm Examinations	Date: Wednesday July 21, 2004	At the start of class
Second Midterm Examination	Date: Wednesday August 4, 2004	At the start of class
Final Examination	Date: Set by Registrar's Office	

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+	97 - 100	B+	83 - 87	C+	72 - 74	D+	57 - 61
A	91 - 96	B	78 - 82	C	67 - 71	D	50 - 56
A-	88 - 90	B-	75 - 77	C-	62 - 66	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.

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 involve multiple choice questions.

Students must pass the Final Exam to pass the course as a whole.

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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 one week 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 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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