

Economics 483(L01) (History of Economic Thought)

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Course Description: This course examines the economic, philosophical, and political background which influenced the great classical economists Adam Smith, Thomas Malthus, David Ricardo, Karl Marx, and John Stuart Mill. As well, the work of Veblen, Keynes, Hayek, and other economists will be discussed if time permits.

Course Objectives/Learning Outcomes: This is a survey course on the development of Economic Thought beginning with the precursors of philosophical radicalism.

Course Outline: Since the textbook bases its coverage on topics, it will be useful for the Term Paper. Lectures, however, will follow a historical perspective.

Prerequisites/corequisites: Economics 301 and Economics 303

Required Textbook(s): Brandon Dupont, *The History of Economic Ideas*, Published by Routledge.

Recommended Textbook(s): None

Books on Reserve: There are no books on Reserve, but a good source for original texts is the McMaster University Archive for the History of Economic Thought available at <http://socserv.mcmaster.ca/econ/ugcm/3ll3/>.

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.

Grade Determination and Final Examination Details:

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| Midterm Examination 1 : | Wednesday, February 28, 2018 | 30% |
| Midterm Examination 2: | Wednesday, April 11, 2018 | 10% |
| Group Project: | | |
| Class Presentation | To be determined | 20% |
| Term Paper | Monday, April 9, 2018 | 40% |

Group Project: You will be required to form a group of 4 people. Your group must choose an economist born before 1880 and submit her/his name to me for approval. You are not allowed to choose Adam Smith; moreover, you are not allowed to choose David Ricardo. You are permitted to choose Joan Robinson, even though she was born after 1880. You will be required to write a 3,500 to 4,000 word essay on one particular aspect of this economist's thought. As well, it will be necessary for your group to discuss the political, philosophical, literary, and historical context within which your chosen economist wrote. You should also discuss how this economist's thought contributed to further developments in economic thought. More details concerning the format of this essay will be given in class. Before your group submits its typed essay, your group will be required to give a 15 minute class presentation concerning your group's essay. This presentation must include power point slides. More detail concerning the presentation will be given in class.

Grading Scale

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| A+ | 96 – 100 | B | 75 – 79 | C- | 60 – 62 |
| A | 90 – 95 | 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 passing grade on any particular component of the course is not required for a student to pass the course as a whole.

There is no final examination in this course..

Tests and exams will involve multiple choice questions. Non-programmable calculators WILL be allowed during the writing of tests or final examinations.

The exact date for the in-class midterm is listed above.

THERE WILL BE NO MAKEUP OR DEFERRED QUIZZES/TESTS/EXAMS under any circumstances, nor may the quizzes/tests/exams be written early. Students unable to write the quizzes/tests/exams because of documented illness, family emergency, religious observance, or university-sanctioned event will have the weight shifted to the term paper; otherwise a grade of zero will be assigned.

Notes:

1. **Students will not be given extra time to complete the midterm exam and the final exam.**
2. **The classroom is a No-cell-phone-zone. The use of cell phones for any purpose in class is prohibited. Computers may only be used for note-taking purposes.**
3. Students will be responsible for all material covered in class, unless the instructor states otherwise.
4. 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 which do not specify the course and section in which you are registered; and, emails involving questions that are specifically addressed on the course outline.
5. **If you wish to contact me, please do so by e-mail rather than by phone.**

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 Professional Faculties – 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>.

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