



## Department of Economics Course Outline

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|                      |                                      | <b>Term:</b>      | Fall 2013  |
| <b>Course:</b>       | Economics 659 [Macroeconomic Theory] | <b>Section:</b>   | 01   |
| <b>Time:</b>         | TR 08:00 – 09:15                     | <b>Place:</b>     | SS 423   |
| <b>Instructor:</b>   | T. Tombe                             |                   |  |
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**Textbook(s):** There will be no required textbooks. If desired, students can use the following excellent resource that will nicely supplement course material: Acemoglu, D. 2008. *Introduction to Modern Economic Growth*. Princeton.

**Book(s) on Reserve:** None

### Course Outline:

A detailed course outline will be distributed on the first day of lecture through Blackboard.

### Grade Determination and Final Examination Details:

Student performance will be evaluated according to the following scheme:

Problem Sets: 10%  
MATLAB Assignment: 10%  
Midterm Examination 1: 25%  
Midterm Examination 2: 25%  
Final Examination: 30%

Students who are unable to write either midterm because of an illness, family emergency or religious observance will have the midterm weight shifted to the final examination. Documentation **MUST** be provided.

The MATLAB Assignment will be to numerically solve and explore counterfactuals within a standard growth model.

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:

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| A+ | 95 – 100 | B  | 73 - 76 | C- | 60 - 62 |
| A  | 85 - 94  | B- | 70 - 72 | D+ | 56 - 59 |

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|----|---------|----|---------|---|---------|
| A- | 80 - 84 | C+ | 67 - 69 | D | 50 - 55 |
| B+ | 77 - 79 | C  | 63 - 66 | F | 0 - 49  |

Non-programmable calculators **will** be allowed during the writing of tests or final examinations (they will not be helpful anyway).

**General Information:**

- *Online writing resources are available at <http://ucalgary.ca/ssc/writing-support/online-writing-resources>*
- *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.*
- *Students seeking reappraisal of a piece of graded term work should discuss their work with the instructor within fifteen days of work being returned to class. However, the earliest that grades will be discussed will be two days after the return of an assignment or examination.*

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