



## Department of Economics Course Outline

**Term:** Winter 2010

**Course:** Economics 759  
[Advanced Macroeconomic Theory]

**Section:** 01

**Time:** TR 9:30 – 10:45

**Place:** SS 423 (subject to change)

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**Office Hours:** TR 14:00 – 15:00 (subject to change)

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**Economics 759**  
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**Overview**

This is an advanced course in Macroeconomics. It is the second of the two courses in the graduate core macroeconomics sequence offered by the Economics Department at the University of Calgary. The main purpose of this course is to show how economic analysis can deepen our understanding of economic growth. The course will be structured in five parts:

- I. Preliminary evidence
- II. Neoclassical growth theory
- III. Technological change
- IV. What do we know about economic growth?
- V. Economic backwardness and development

**Requirements**

There is a list of readings for this course. For each topic, I have listed a couple of reference books and/or references to papers in the field. Information about required readings will be provided in class. Student performance will be evaluated through a collection of problem sets worth 20 percent and two midterm exams worth 40 percent each.

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**General Reference**

Acemoglu, Daron (2009): *Introduction to Modern Economic Growth*, Princeton University Press.

## Grade Determination and Final Examination Details:

Tests and final exams are marked on a numerical (percentage) basis, 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+ | 90 – 100 | B  | 71 – 75 | C- | 57 – 59 |
| A  | 85 – 89  | B- | 67 – 70 | D+ | 54 – 56 |
| A- | 80 – 84  | C+ | 63 – 66 | D  | 50 – 53 |
| B+ | 76 – 79  | C  | 60 – 62 | 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.

Non-programmable calculators will not be allowed during the writing of tests or examinations.

Tests and exams will not involve multiple choice questions.

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### 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.
- 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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