



Department of Economics Course Outline

		Term:	Fall 2014
Course:	Economics 203 [Principles of Macroeconomics]	Section:	01
Time:	MWF 17:00 – 17:50	Place:	CHC 105
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Textbook(s):

Required: Mankiw et al. *Principles of Macroeconomics*, 6th Canadian edition. Thomson Nelson. + Mindtap Access Kit
OR
Mindtap Access Kit for Mankiw et al (see above) with online version of textbook

Book(s) on Reserve: None.

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> using or through their student centre. Please note that D2L features a class e-mail list that may be used to distribute course-related information. It is your responsibility to ensure that D2L uses the e-mail address of your choice.

Course Outline: This course focuses on key macroeconomic concepts in order to understand the problems faced by government policy makers. (Some of the topics listed below may be added or deleted depending on time constraints.)

1. The Data of Macroeconomics Chapters 5-6
2. The Real Economy in the Long Run Chapters 7-10
3. Money and Prices in the Long Run Chapters 11-12
4. The Macroeconomics of Open Economies Chapters 13
5. Short-Run Economic Fluctuations Chapters 14-16
6. Final Thoughts Chapter 17

Grade Determination and Final Examination Details:

2 assignments (7.5% each)	15% (Due Dates: Oct.15, Nov.19)
Midterm Examination	35% (October 29 in class)
Final Examination	50% (December 9-19)

Assignments

1. PDF files with the assignments will appear in Course Documents in D2L at least 2 weeks before the assignment is due. All assignment questions are multiple choice. **Students can collect an IBM bubble sheet in the lecture 2 weeks before the assignment is due or in a tutorial (tutorial times will be announced by September 24 at the latest) at some point prior to the assignment being due. Instructors will not have the IBM sheets for the assignments in lectures other than in the one 2 weeks before the assignment is due. Please ensure that you fill in the bubbles for your UCID# and your name. If an assignment does not have both a UCID# and name filled in the bubble sheets, the score on that assignment will be zero.**
2. Assignments will be due at the beginning of the lectures on both **October 15 and November 19**. Students will also be allowed to turn in their assignment any time before the deadline during the office hours of the General Office (9AM – 4:30 PM and closed for lunch). Late assignments will not be accepted under any circumstances. Assignments sent electronically will not be accepted under any circumstances.
3. **If one assignment is missed, for whatever reason, the weight of that assignment will be transferred to a student's final exam.**

Mindtap and Practice Problems:

1. Please register on the Mindtap website within the first week of classes.
2. Using Mindtap, you will be able to complete practice problem sets. Mindtap problem sets are entirely optional.
3. Emails regarding Mindtap should be directed towards the providers of Mindtap or to the teaching assistants (TAs) that will be assigned to this course.

Examinations:

1. Examinations will consist of multiple-choice questions.
2. The midterm examination will cover the material in Chapters 5 – 11 inclusive, and the exam will be held during lecture time.

3. The final examination will cover all course material but will be heavily weighted towards material that was not dealt with in the midterm. The final exam will last two hours, and will be scheduled by the Registrar. *~75 questions on Chapters 12 to 17, 25 questions on Chapters 5 to 11.*

4. A non-programmable calculator may be used in the examinations.

Assignments, tests and final exams are marked on a numerical (percentage) basis. The marks are then added using the weights indicated above and converted into letter grades. As a guide to determining standing, these letter grade equivalences will apply:

A+	95 - 100	B+	77 - 81	C+	67 - 69	D+	56 - 59
A	87 - 94	B	74 - 76	C	64 - 66	D	50 - 55
A-	82 - 86	B-	70 - 73	C-	60 - 63	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.

No deferred midterm will be given. In case of documented illness or family emergency, the extra weight will be shifted to the final examination. The Instructor should be notified in advance if a student will be unable to write a midterm. In any case, documentation must be provided as soon as possible (within a day or so of the missed midterm).

Notes:

1. Students should be aware that no “make-up” midterms or assignments will be given. Any student who finds it necessary to miss the midterm must notify the instructor in advance and produce a valid medical certificate or other required documentation in order to have the weighting moved to the final exam. Note that deferred final examinations may contain short/long answer questions. Also, deferred final examinations do not have to cover the same material or have the same format as the regular final examination.

2. Students should be aware of the academic regulations outlined in The University of Calgary Calendar.

3 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 the next scheduled office hour after the return of an examination.

4. Students will be responsible for all material listed on the course outline, regardless of whether or not the material has been covered in class, unless the instructor notifies the class that the material will not be covered.

5. 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.

6. 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 or other course documentation like blackboard announcements reading schedule etc.

7. The use of cell phones for any purpose in class is prohibited. Computers may be used for note-taking purposes only.

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Society of Undergraduates in Economics (S.U.E.):

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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. They invite you to join by contacting sue@ucalgary.ca.

Faculty of Arts Program Advising and Student Information Resources

- Have a question, but not sure where to start? The Faculty of Arts Program Information Centre (PIC) 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.

- For program planning and advice, contact the Student Success Centre (formerly the Undergraduate programs Office) at 403-220-5881 or visit them 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 in the MacKimmie Library Block.
- Online writing resources are available at <http://ucalgary.ca/ssc/writing-support/online-writing-resources>

Safewalk / Campus Security: 403-220-5333
Emergency Assembly Point: Professional Faculties Food Court

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