



Department of Economics Course Outline

		Term:	Fall 2014
Course:	Economics 203 [Principles of Macroeconomics]	Section:	02
Time:	TR 17:00 – 18:15	Place:	SB 103 (Subject to change)
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Textbooks:

Required: **Macroeconomics**, R. Glenn Hubbard, Anthony Patrick O'Brien, Apostolos Serletis, and Jason Childs, Pearson 2015.

Supplements: **MyEconLab**: Access code purchased with the text provides link to online homework, student resources, and the electronic version of the text.

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. The default is your University of Calgary e-mail address.

Course Outline: The course is designed to introduce you to macroeconomic principles and the economic way of thinking. The course objective is to help you understand a number of recent issues and economic events and the policy responses to them. You will learn macroeconomics in a way that is modern and based in the real world of business and economic policy.

Chapters Covered

1.	Introduction	Chapters 1 - 3
2.	Macroeconomic Statistics	Chapters 4 and 5
3.	Long-Run Economic Growth	Chapters 6 and 7
4.	Short-Run Economic Fluctuations	Chapter 9
5.	Monetary and Fiscal Policy	Chapters 10 - 13
6.	The International Economy	Chapters 14 - 15

Grade Determination and Final Examination Details:

There will be two midterm exams and a final exam. The weights of these in the course grade are as follows:

Midterm 1 (Oct. 14)	25%
Midterm 2 (Nov. 13)	25%
Final Examination	50%

- Examinations will consist of multiple choice questions.
- The midterm examinations will be held during the lecture time. **The exam must be completed during the specified time. Extra time will not be given for any reason.**
- The final examination will last for two hours and will be scheduled by the Registrar. **The exam must be completed during the specified time. Extra time will not be given for any reason.**
- The use of a simple calculator during examinations is permitted. **The use of graphing calculators, computers, and cell phones is not permitted.**

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. As a guide to determining standing, these letter grade equivalences will apply:

A+	96 -100	B	76 - 80	C-	59 - 62
A	89 - 95	B-	72 - 75	D+	55 - 58
A-	85 - 88	C+	68 - 71	D	50 - 54
B+	81 - 84	C	63 - 67	F	0 - 49

Part marks of 0.5 or above will be rounded up; those below 0.5 will be rounded down.

Notes:

1. Students should be aware that no “make-up” midterms 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 adjusted. This adjustment will result in the final exam counting for 75% of the final grade. 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. **The use of cell phones for any purpose in class is prohibited. The classroom will be a no cell phone zone. Computers may be used for note-taking purposes only.**
4. Students seeking reappraisal of a piece of graded term work should discuss their work with the instructor *within* 15 days of the work being returned to class. However, the earliest that grades will be discussed will be two days after the return of an examination.
5. 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.
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 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.
7. 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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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. Join now by contacting sue@ucalgary.ca.

Faculty of Arts Program Advising and Student Information Resources

- Have a question, but not sure where to start? The new Faculty of Arts Program Information Centre (PIC) is your information resource for everything in Arts! Drop in at SS110, call us at 403-220-3580 or email us 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 in their new space 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 at the MacKimmie Library Block.

Safewalk / Campus Security: 220-5333
Emergency Assembly Location – ICT Food Court
