



Department of Economics Course Outline

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| | | Term: | Summer 2008 |
| Course: | Economics 203 [Principles of Macroeconomics] | Section: | 60 |
| Time: | MW 18:00-20:50 (Lecture) MW 17:00-17:50 (Tutorial) | Place: | ST 125 (Lecture) ST 125 (Tutorial) (subject to change) |
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Textbook(s):

- **Required:** Mankiw, N. Gregory, Ronald D. Kneebone, Kenneth J. McKenzie, and Nicholas Rowe, *Principles of Macroeconomics*, Fourth Canadian Edition, Thomson Nelson + Aplia Software Kit (sold together) **or** Aplia Software Kit (sold by itself): This kit gives you access to an on-line version of the textbook.
- **Optional:** Study guide for above

Book(s) on Reserve:

None

Blackboard:

Please note that Blackboard features a class e-mail list that I will use. It is your responsibility to ensure that Blackboard uses the e-mail address of your choice. The default is your University of Calgary e-mail address. Students who are registered in this course can log on at <http://blackboard.ucalgary.ca/webapps/login>.

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.)

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| 1- The Data of Macroeconomics | Chapters 5 - 6 |
| 2- The Real Economy in the Long Run | Chapters 7 - 9 |
| 3- Money and Prices in the Long Run | Chapters 10 - 11 |
| 4- Macroeconomics of Open Economies | Chapters 12 - 13 |
| 5- Short Run Economic Fluctuations | Chapters 14 - 16 |
| 6- Final Thoughts | Chapter 17 |

Class attendance is not mandatory. However, students are responsible for all the material covered during lectures. The textbook and lectures are complements, not substitutes for each other, and students are responsible for material presented in both lectures and readings.

Grade Determination and Final Examination Details:

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| 1 Midterm Examination (July 30, in class) | 30% |
| 4 Assignments @ 5% each (using Aplia) | 20% |
| Final Examination | 50% |

Assignments:

Due dates for the assignments will be announced during the first week of the semester.

In order to complete assignments in this course, you will be required to access the Aplia website at <http://econ.aplia.com>. Please register on the website within the first week of classes.

Course material dealing with a particular assignment will typically be covered in class at least two days before the assignment is due; thus, assignments can be completed at any time up to and including the due date. If you fail to submit one of four assignments, only situations where someone can document illness or domestic affliction for an extended period (i.e., the entire 2 days prior to the due date) would possibly warrant shifting the missing assignment weight to the final exam. Failure to submit more than one assignment requires that you come to talk to the instructor. Furthermore, technical problems can be expected to sometimes occur with computer systems and internet availability so it may be a good idea to not wait until the last minute to submit your assignment. Technical problems will typically not justify shifting the assignment weight to the final exam.

Using Aplia, you will be able to complete practice problem sets prior to each assignment. In the practice problem sets, you will obtain immediate feedback as to whether you have answered a question correctly. In many cases you will be provided with an explanation if you have not answered correctly. Your results in the practice problem sets are neither counted nor reported to the instructor. It is strongly recommended that you do the practice problems related to a particular assignment prior to completing the assignments.

Emails regarding Aplia should be directed towards the providers of Aplia.

Examinations:

The midterm examination and the final examination 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+ | 97 - 100 | B+ | 80 - 84 | C+ | 65 - 69 | D | 50 - 54 |
| A | 90 - 96 | B | 75 - 79 | C | 60 - 64 | F | 0 - 49 |
| A- | 85 - 89 | B- | 70 - 74 | C- | 55 - 59 | | |

If, for some reason, the distribution of grades determined using the aforementioned conversion chart appears to be abnormal the instructor reserves the right to change the grade conversion chart if the instructor, *at the instructor's discretion*, feels it is necessary to more fairly represent student achievement.

Examinations will consist of multiple choice questions. We will discuss the format of the midterm and final examination during the first week of classes.

Only NON-PROGRAMMABLE calculators will be allowed during the midterm and final exam.

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 70% of the final grade and the Aplia assignments counting for 30% 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.

The midterm exam will be held in class during the lecture time.

There will be a Registrar scheduled **final examination**, lasting 2 hours. The FULL COURSE will be covered.

Notes:

- Students seeking reappraisal of a piece of graded term work (term paper, essay, etc.) should discuss their work with the Instructor within one week of the work being returned to the class.
- Tests and examinations will not be given before the scheduled dates.

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