



Department of Economics Course Outline

		Term: Winter 2013
Course:	Economics 203 [Principles of Macroeconomics]	Section: 06
Time:	TR 09:30 – 10:45	Place: KNB 132
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Email Support for Aplia: Please contact Aplia.

Textbook(s):

Required: Mankiw et al. *Principles of Macroeconomics*, 5th 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: Mankiw et al. *Principles of Macroeconomics*, 5th Canadian edition. Thomson Nelson.

Blackboard: This course will make use of Blackboard - students who are registered in the course can log on at <http://blackboard.ucalgary.ca/webapps/login>. 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..

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:

8 assignments (best 7 counted)	20 %
Midterm Examination (March 2)	30 %
Final Examination	50%

Assignments:

1. 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.
2. All assignments will be due before 6:00 PM on the due date. Due dates for the assignments will be announced during the first week of the semester, and posted on Blackboard. It is your responsibility to remember the due dates. Late assignments cannot be accepted by Aplia. Please note that many of the assignments have multiple parts to them, all of which must be completed by the time noted.
3. Course material dealing with a particular assignment will typically be covered in class at least one lecture before the assignment is due and assignments can be completed at any time up to the due date. In addition, only the best 7 of the 8 assignments that are to be completed will count towards your final mark. Given these factors, only situations where someone can document illness or domestic affliction for an extended period (i.e., the entire week prior to the due date) would possibly warrant shifting the assignment weight to the final exam. 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 – again, given that one of the assignments will not count toward your final mark, technical problems will not justify shifting the assignment weight to the final exam.
4. Emails regarding Aplia should be directed towards the providers of Aplia. I am unable to help with computer issues.

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.
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 generally 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.

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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: MacEwan Student Centre – North Courtyard

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