

Economics 203(L01) (Principles of Macroeconomics)

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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.

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

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 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 February 24 and April 14. 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.

Grade Determination and Final Examination Details:

2 assignments (7.5% each)	15% (Due Dates: Feb.24, Apr.14)
Midterm Examination	35% (Mar. 3 at start of class, in class)
Final Examination	50% (April 18-29)

Examinations:

1. Tests and exams **WILL** involve 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 **at the start** of class March 3.
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. Non-programmable calculators **WILL** be allowed during the writing of tests or final examinations.
5. Students who are unable to write the midterm because of an illness, family emergency or religious observance will have the midterm weight shifted to the final examination. Documentation **MUST** be provided.
6. 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:

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A+	95 – 100	B	73 – 76	C-	60 – 62
A	85 – 94	B-	70 – 72	D+	56 – 59
A-	80 – 84	C+	67 – 69	D	50 – 55
B+	77 – 79	C	63 – 66	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.

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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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.

- Have a question, but not sure where to start? The Arts Students' Centre 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>

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