



Department of Economics Course Outline

	Term: Fall 2013
Course: Economics 405	Section: 01
Time: M/W/F 12:00-12:50	Place: MS 527
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Textbook(s):

- Kenneth A. Shepsle, *Analyzing Politics: Rationality, Behavior, and Institutions*, 2nd Edition, W. W. Norton: New York, 2010 (required).
- Joe B. Stevens, *The Economics of Collective Choice*, Westview Press, 1993 (required).

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This course introduces students to the fundamentals of social choice and public choice. The social choice literature studies social decision making rules. Emphasis in this literature is on the normative properties of voting rules, political competition, and social welfare functions. The public choice literature is largely about how interest groups, bureaucracy, the judiciary, and legislative and executive bodies of government interact and compete. This literature is positive in nature.

Grade Determination and Final Examination Details:

Course Component	Date	Percent of Grade
Assignment 1	Due Friday, September 20	5%
Assignment 2	Due Friday, October 4	5%
<i>1st Midterm Exam</i>	<i>Friday, October 11</i>	20%
Assignment 3	Due Friday, October 25	5%
Assignment 4	Due Friday, November 8	5%
<i>2nd Midterm Exam</i>	<i>Friday, November 15</i>	20%
Assignment 5	Due Friday, November 29	5%
<i>Final Exam</i>	<i>Registrar Scheduled</i>	35%
<i>Total</i>		<i>100%</i>

Examinations and assignments are marked on a numerical basis. The course grade is calculated using the above weights. The following letter grade / minimum percentage equivalences apply:

A+	100%	B	80	C-	60
A	95	B-	75	D+	55
A-	90	C+	70	D	50
B+	85	C	65	F	<50

Non-programmable calculators will be allowed during the writing of all examinations.

There will be a Registrar scheduled final examination.

Tests and exams will not involve multiple choice questions.

Students unable to write the examinations at the scheduled date or turn assignments in by the due date because of *documented* medical, family emergency or religious observance will have the weight shifted to the final exam.

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

www.ucalgary.ca/sue

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>

Notes:

- 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 403-220-8237. 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.
- 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.

Safewalk / Campus Security: 403-220-5333
Emergency Assembly Point: Social Sciences Food Court

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