



Department of Economics Course Outline

Course:	Economics 405	Term:	Fall 2014
Section:		Section:	01
Time:	T/R 12:30-13:45pm	Place:	SA 119
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Textbook(s):

- Dennis C. Mueller (2003), *Public Choice*. Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, U.K., 3rd Edition. (Required)

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This course introduces students to the fundamentals of the literature on 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. The Mueller text may be supplemented with readings from time to time. These will be made available on D2L.

Grade Determination and Final Examination Details:

Course Component	Date	% of Grade
Examinations	Midterm Examination (28 Oct. In Class)	30%
Assignments	Assignment 1 (Due 19 Sept., 4pm SS 454)	7%
	Assignment 2 (Due 3 Oct., 4pm SS 454)	7%
	Assignment 3 (Due 17 Oct., 4pm SS 454)	7%
	Assignment 4 (Due 14 Nov., 4pm SS 454)	7%
	Assignment 5 (Due 28 Nov., 4pm SS 454)	7%
Final Exam	Registrar Scheduled	35%
		100%

Exams and assignments are marked on a numerical basis, and then these are converted to letter grades using the following minimum percentages for each grade:

A+	99	B	78	C-	60
A	95	B-	75	D+	55
A-	90	C+	70	D	50
B+	85	C	66	F	<50%

Miscellaneous:

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

There will be a Registrar scheduled final examination.

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.

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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:

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