

Economics 465(L01) Industrial Development of Alberta

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Textbooks: None

Books on Reserve:

Armstrong, H. and J. Taylor, *Regional Economics and Policy*, Blackwell Publishers, 2001.
Blair, J.P., *Local Economic Development*, Sage Publications Inc., 1995.
Bruce, M., Kneebone R., and K. McKenzie, *A Government Reinvented*, Oxford University Press, 1997.
Fritsch, M. (ed), *Handbook of Research on Entrepreneurship and Regional Development*, Edward Elgar Publishing, 2011.
Hanson, E.J., *Dynamic Decade*, McClelland & Stewart, Toronto, 1956.
Mansell, R and M. Percy, *Strength in Adversity: A Study of the Alberta Economy*, U of A Press, Edmonton, 1990.

A valuable online resource is *The Web Book of Regional Science*, Regional Research Institute, West Virginia University. Available online at <http://rri.wvu.edu/resources/web-book-rs/list-of-books/>.

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 the industrial development of Alberta. Students will develop an understanding of the evolution of the overall structure of the provincial economy and the resource base. Present and future relevant policy issues and constraints (economic, environmental, technological, institutional, etc.) will be explored. Analytical tools to assess and evaluate projects and economic development strategies will be developed.

The areas of study will include:

- I. Overview of the Alberta Economy
- II. Introduction to Industrial Development
- III. Analytical Tools
- IV. Energy and the Alberta Economy
- V. Variability and Instability
- VI. Industrial Development and Diversification Policies
- VII. Economic Development and Growth Policies

Grade Determination and Final Examination Details:

Assignment 1	15%	Due February 9, 2015
Assignment 2	15%	Due April 1, 2015
Midterm	20%	February 23, 2015
Final Examination	50%	TBD – Scheduled by Registrar

As per University policy (see *Writing Across the Curriculum* in the Calendar), the grade you receive on assignments will, in part, reflect your ability to effectively communicate your answers. Assignments are due at the start of the lecture on the due date. Under no circumstances will late assignments be accepted.

Tests and final exams are marked on a numerical (percentage) basis, 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 apply:

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

Non-programmable calculators **WILL NOT** be allowed during the writing of tests or final examinations.

There will be a Registrar scheduled final examination, held in a classroom, lasting 2 hours.

All students must comply with the regulations published in the University Calendar concerning “Intellectual Honesty,” “Examinations,” etc.

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.

Tests and exams **WILL NOT** involve multiple choice questions.

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 (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 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>

Safewalk/Campus Security: 403 220 5333

Emergency Assembly Point: Social Sciences Food Court