



Department of Economics Course Outline

		Term:	Fall 2013
Course:	Economics 479 [Experimental Economics]	Section:	01
Time:	TuTh 9:30 – 10:45	Place:	SA 245 (subject to change)
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There is no textbook for this class. Research articles will be distributed (via Blackboard) by the professor on a regular basis.

Economics as a discipline used to be guided by sophisticated mathematical models making simplifying assumptions about human behavior in strategic/market situations. This was the case until late 80s. After that, a few economists did what used to be unthinkable. They took these theories in the laboratory and started testing them under controlled situation, making sure that *most* of the assumptions are invoked in the laboratory. This created and has been creating a body of literature, muck akin to, for example, Physical science in which experimentation has been a primary tool for decades for accumulating a large body of knowledge that can be replicated under controlled conditions.

This course will explore how economics has incorporated laboratory experimentation as an important tool and incorporated a number of insights and findings from experiments; what it can, in return, bring to the understanding of these phenomena; and examine some of the implications that follow for the workings of markets and policy.

I. Blackboard

This course will use the online Blackboard system to track grades, post announcements, and distribute required readings. If you cannot regularly access the Blackboard, please alert the professor.

II. Exam Dates: There are four in-class, closed book and notes, comprehensive exams
First Midterm Test – 20 points (Exam Date: TBA)
Second Midterm Test – 35 points (Exam Date: TBA)
Third Midterm Test – 35 points (Exam Date: TBA)
Fourth Midterm Test – 10 points (Exam Date: TBA)

III. Grade Determination and Examination Details:

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

IV. Important Details

- ⤴ There will be no university assigned final examination and there will be no make-up exam for any missed test.
- ⤴ Without documented emergency (such as medical conditions), a student shouldn't miss a test. If a test is missed without a documented emergency, the student will receive zero weight for the missed exam.
- ⤴ The weight of any missed test will be automatically transferred to the next scheduled test if there is one. In case there is no next test, in such a case the student will lose the weight of the missed test.
- ⤴ For a missed test, the student should produce a document for his/her reason of absence within *seven days* from the day the missed test was conducted. If no such document is produced within seven days, in such a case the student will lose the weight of the missed test.
- ⤴ If a student has questions/comments for an already conducted and distributed midterm test, it should be done within *fifteen days* from the day the test was conducted. No such requests will be entertained after fifteen days.
- ⤴ All the tests will be (material wise) cumulative in nature.
- ⤴ Students are allowed to bring and use laptops for note-taking purpose only. Use of iPad, mp3 players, cell phones, or any other electronic devices is strictly prohibited during the class.
- ⤴ Many students take notes on class discussions using laptop, which is fine. However, please do not use electronic devices in class for purposes unrelated to class, e.g., checking email, watching movies, Facebook, etc. Doing work unrelated to class disturbs others and should be done outside of class.
- ⤴ Above grading system will be used.
- ⤴ A passing grade on any particular component of the course is not required for a student to pass the course as a whole.
- ⤴ Calculators will not be allowed during the writing of the tests.
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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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