

Economics 559 (01) (Topics in Economic Theory II)

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Textbook(s):

There is no text book for this course. Instead, from time to time I will refer students to specific papers or sections of texts.

A good source for brushing up on intermediate macroeconomics is Dorbusch et al., *Macroeconomics*, Seventh Canadian Edition or Abel, Bernanke and Kneebone, *Macroeconomics*, 6th Canadian Edition, 2012.

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> through their student centre. Please note that D2L features a class e-mail list that may be used to distribute course-related information. The default is your University of Calgary e-mail address.

Course Outline:

This is a course in macroeconomic theory. Its purpose is two-fold. First, for those intending to seek employment following their BA, it will provide a firm understanding of certain standard models of the economy. Second, for those who intend to go on to take a graduate degree in economics, the course will provide an introduction to some of the advanced methods you will be encountering in graduate school. Both sets of students will benefit from these two features of the course. Although those who find employment following their BA may not use the more advanced models and techniques in everyday work, it is nonetheless important that they be aware of these models and approaches. Similarly, those who attend graduate school will be expected to start such programs with a firm understanding of certain standard models.

You will be expected to use some of the mathematical tools presented to you in Economics 387/389 and the econometric tools presented to you in Economics 395. This is not a math course: It is a course in

economic theory that uses mathematical tools. I expect you to know how to use these tools without me teaching them to you.

Grade Determination and Final Examination Details:

Midterm Test	(30%)	Date: February 26, 2016
Essay	(30%)	Due by the last day of classes
Final Exam	(40%)	Scheduled by the registrar

NOTE: To pass the course it is necessary to receive a passing grade on the final exam.

Tests and final exams are graded on a numerical (percentage) basis and 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+	91-100	B	73-75	C-	60-62
A	85-90	B-	70-72	D+	56-59
A-	80-84	C+	66-69	D	50-55
B+	76-79	C	63-65	F	0-49

Our Relationship:

I assume that the reason you are attending my class is to endeavour to acquire an understanding of macroeconomic theory and policy. It has been my experience that this task is made much easier and far more enjoyable for all involved (me included) if we can maintain a relaxed but respectful atmosphere in the classroom. For my part, maintaining such an atmosphere requires that I be respectful of your time, your questions, and your concerns. I will therefore strive to be on time for lectures and office hours, answer your questions as well as I am able, and listen to your concerns. For your part, maintaining a respectful atmosphere requires that you avoid being late for class, that you refrain from leaving before the lecture ends, and that you not talk when either I or one of your classmates is speaking.

Notes:

1. If you find it necessary to miss a midterm test, you must notify me *in advance* and produce a physician's certificate or other documentation as soon as possible. Deferred tests will not be offered. The weight attached to the missed test will be moved to the final exam.
2. A make-up or deferred final exam will not be given except in cases of extreme personal emergencies. If, for such a reason, a deferred final exam is allowed, it will not be given before the scheduled exam date.
3. Students seeking a reappraisal of a piece of graded term work should discuss it with me within *fifteen days* of the work being returned to the class.
4. 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.

Non-programmable calculators WILL 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.

Tests and exams WILL NOT involve multiple choice questions.

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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, including program planning and advice.
- 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://www.ucalgary.ca/ssc/resources/writing-support>

Safewalk/Campus Security: 403 220 5333

Emergency Assembly Point: Professional Faculties Food Court

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