

Economics 759 (Advanced Macroeconomics Theory II)

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Course Description:

This is the second part of the core PhD course in macroeconomics. The course is intended to introduce some selected macroeconomic issues, as well as to demonstrate how to use analytical models and techniques to examine the issues. Both the issues and the models should be treated as important components of the course.

Course Objectives:

The main purpose of this course is to prepare students to conduct research in macroeconomics.

Course outline:

The course is organized into two parts. The first part focuses on equilibrium models of the labor market. The second part introduces a few selected topics in macroeconomics.

- Equilibrium models of the labor market
- Topics in macroeconomics

Prerequisites/corequisites:

Advanced Macroeconomics Theory I (Econ709)

Required Textbook(s)

None

Recommended Textbook(s):

Pissarides, C. A. (2000). *Equilibrium Unemployment Theory*. Oxford University Press

Books 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. These e-mails go to your University of Calgary e-mail addresses only.

Course Requirements/Assessments:

Student performance will be evaluated through a collection of assignments, midterm exam and final exam, with the following weights:

Assignments: 30%

Midterm I: 20%

Midterm II: 20%

Final exam: 30%

There will be weekly tutorials (held by the TA) where students will have the opportunity to review questions from assignments/exams and to go over or ask about other practice questions. Regular attendance is strongly encouraged.

Grade Determination and Final Examination Details

Department of Economics Criteria for Letter Grades. Economics professors use the following criteria when assigning letter grades:

Grade	Grade Point Value	Description	Grade	Grade Point Value	Description
A+	4.00	Outstanding	C+	2.30	All grades below "B-" are indicative of failure at the graduate level and cannot be counted toward Faculty of Graduate Studies course requirements. Individual programs may require a higher passing grade.
A	4.00	Excellent-superior performance, showing-comprehensive understanding of subject matter	C	2.00	
A-	3.70	Very good performance	C-	1.70	
B+	3.30	Good performance	D+	1.00	
B	3.00	Satisfactory performance	D	1.00	
B-	2.70	Minimum pass for students in the Faculty of Graduate Studies	F	0	

A passing grade on any particular component of the course is not required for a student to pass the course as a whole.

Absence from a Test/Exam

THERE WILL BE NO MAKEUP OR DEFERRED QUIZZES under any circumstances, nor may the quizzes be written early. Students unable to write the quizzes because of documented illness, family emergency, religious observance, or university-sanctioned event will have the weight shifted to the final examination; otherwise a grade of zero will be assigned. If a student cannot write their final exam on the date assigned by the Department, they need to arrange for a deferred exam with the department.

Reappraisal of Grades and Intellectual Honesty:

For reappraisal of graded term work, see Calendar 0.1

<http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/grad/current/qs-o.html>

For reappraisal of final grade, see Calendar 0.1. B

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Statement of Intellectual Dishonesty

<http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/grad/current/qs-r.html>

Plagiarism and Other Academic Misconduct

<http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/grad/current/qs-r.html>

Academic Accommodations:

The student accommodation policy can be found at: ucalgary.ca/access/accommodations/policy.

Students needing an accommodation because of a disability or medical condition should communicate this need to Student Accessibility Services in accordance with the Procedure for Accommodations for Students with Disabilities ucalgary.ca/policies/files/policies/student-accommodation-policy.

Students needing an Accommodation based on a Protected Ground other than disability, should communicate this need, preferably in writing, to the course instructor.

Important Dates:

Please check: <http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/grad/current/academic-schedule.html>

Student Organizations:

Faculty of Grad Studies website: <http://grad.ucalgary.ca/home>

Graduate Students Association: <http://gsa.ucalgary.ca/>

Professional Development for Grad Students

Workshops and resources can be found at <http://www.ucalgary.ca/mygradskills/>

Economics Graduate Association: <http://econ.ucalgary.ca/ega/>

Evacuation Assembly Point:

In case of an emergency evacuation during class, students must gather at the designated assembly point nearest to the classroom. The assembly point for this classroom is Professional Faculties - Food Court.

Safewalk:

The Safewalk program provides volunteers to walk students safely to their destination anywhere on campus. This service is free and available 24 hrs/day, 365 days a year. **Call 403-220-5333.**

Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIP) Act:

Personal information is collected in accordance with FOIP. For more information, see <http://www.ucalgary.ca/legalservices/foip/foip-hia>.

Internet and Electronic Communication Device information:

The use of cell phones for any purpose in class is prohibited. Computers and tablets may be used for note-taking only.