Course Objective

The goal of this course is to introduce you to the macroeconomic principles that will enable you to understand and interpret economic events in the world around you. You will learn what causes the economy to go through cycles of growth and contraction, and how the government can influence the economy to attempt to moderate these cycles.

Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to understand, explain, and analyze:

- the various measures of macroeconomic activity.
- the economic models that determine equilibrium in an economy.
- how market participants interact with each other and the impact of these interactions on a national and global level.
- how economies move through business cycles.
- how the government uses fiscal and monetary policy to influence economic outcomes.
- the requirements for long-term economic growth.

Course Materials


Course Website: [http://owl.uwo.ca](http://owl.uwo.ca)
Additional Optional Resources

Economics Drop-In Centre, SSC Room 3111
Online Learning Resource: www.pearsonmylabandmastering.com
Access code comes with new textbook, or can be purchased separately.
Course ID: rivers60743

Registration

You are responsible for ensuring you are registered in the correct courses. If you are not registered in this course, the Department will not release your marks until your registration is corrected. You may check your timetable by using the Login on the Student Services website at https://studentservices.uwo.ca/secure/index.cfm. If you notice a problem, please contact your faculty academic counsellor right away.

Prerequisite Note

Economics 1021A/B is a prerequisite/corequisite for this course.

You are responsible for ensuring that you have successfully completed all course requisites, and that you have not taken an anti-requisite course. Lack of prerequisites may not be used as a basis for appeal. If you are found to be ineligible for a course, you may be removed from it at any time and you will receive no adjustment to your fees. This decision cannot be appealed.

If you find that you do not have the course prerequisites, it is in your best interest to drop the course well before the end of the add/drop period. Your prompt attention to this matter will not only help protect your academic record, but will ensure that spaces become available for students who require the course in question for graduation.

Assessment

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Exam weight adjustment: Five percentage points will be moved from your exam with the lowest mark to your exam with the highest mark. For example, if you earn your lowest mark on Midterm 2 and your highest mark on the Final Exam, your course mark would be computed as 25% Midterm 1, 20% Midterm 2, 55% Final Exam.

The final exam will cover material from the entire term. You are required to bring the following to all exams:

- Current UWO student ID
- Pencil
- Non-programmable calculator (graphing calculators, programmable calculators, cell phone calculators, laptops, or other electronic devices are not allowed during exams)

Note: Computer-marked multiple-choice tests and/or exams may be subject to submission for similarity review by software that will check for unusual coincidences in answer patterns that may indicate cheating.
Policy Regarding Missed Exams

Make-ups will be granted with approved documentation only. If you have a conflict with one of the exam dates, it is your responsibility to discuss it with me at least one week before the regularly scheduled exam and provide documentation of the conflict. If approved, you must take a make-up exam before the regularly scheduled exam. If you miss an exam due to illness or other unforeseen reason, you must email me within 24 hours of the missed exam. You will be required to provide documentation of the reason for missing the exam to your Academic Counsellor on the first business day following the missed exam. If you miss an exam due to illness, I strongly urge you to visit a doctor the day of the missed exam to obtain documentation of you illness. If your Academic Counsellor and I agree that your reason for missing the exam is legitimate and supported by your documentation, you will be allowed to write a make-up exam. All make-up exams must be written within one week after the regularly scheduled exam. Additional important details on the Department’s policy regarding make-up exams are provided on the last page of the syllabus.

Tentative Course Schedule

Sep 4:    Course Introduction
Sep. 9, 11:  Chapter 20
Sep. 16, 18:  Chapter 21
Sep. 23, 25:  Chapter 22
Sep. 30, Oct. 2:  Chapter 23
Oct. 7, 9:    Finish Chapter 23; MIDTERM 1 ON OCT 9
Oct. 14, 16:  Chapter 24
Oct. 21, 23:  Chapter 25
Oct. 28:      Chapter 26
Nov. 4, 6:    Finish Chapter 26; MIDTERM 2 ON NOV 6
Nov. 11, 13:  Chapter 27
Nov. 18, 20:  Chapters 28, 29
Nov. 25, 27:  Chapter 30
Dec 2:        Chapter 31 (time permitting), Exam Review
To be scheduled:  ***Final Exam***

Note: Any changes to this schedule will be provided in class. Some chapters will not be covered in their entirety. Please see the Reading List on the course website under Resources for details on the material covered in each chapter. The Reading List will be updated when we start a new chapter. Students will be held responsible for all material presented in lectures, regardless of whether the material appears in the textbook.

Other Course and Classroom Policies

Attendance: Students are expected to attend lectures and tutorials regularly, and will be held responsible for all material and all announcements provided in class. Important announcements, such as times and locations of exams, will also be provided under the Announcements section of the course website (OWL).

Participation: I encourage you to participate and ask questions in class. Class discussion is a very useful component of learning, keeps class lively and interesting for all of us, and helps me identify topics that I should go over in more detail (at that time or as we prepare for exams).
**Laptops:** You may use a laptop in class to take notes until the first time you are found to be doing something other than taking notes on it.

**Cell Phones:** Please turn off your cell phones and other communication devices before entering the classroom.

**Emails:** According to FIPPA, I am not allowed to respond to non-UWO email addresses. So please use your UWO email address in all communications. Also, please enter the course number in the subject heading of your email. I will try to respond to all emails within 48 hours, not counting the weekend. I will NOT respond to emails such as the following:

1) Any question that is on this syllabus or elsewhere on the course website: such as exam dates, exam times, course material etc. If you have not received a reply to your question, check the syllabus and the course website.

2) The makeup policy is clearly stated on the syllabus, refer to it if needed.

3) Requests for extra assignments, reweighting of exams, assignments etc. as these are prohibited under Senate regulations.

4) Requests for my lecture notes. I do not provide my lecture notes to students, other than the material which is on the course website.
Remember that the University expects all students to take responsibility for their own academic Programs. Also remember to check your registration to make sure you are enrolled in the correct courses.

1. Guidelines and policies for the Faculty of Social Science and the Department of Economics are posted online in the current Western Academic Calendar at [http://westerncalendar.uwo.ca](http://westerncalendar.uwo.ca).


3. **Cheating as an academic offence**: Students are responsible for understanding what it means to “cheat”. The Department of Economics treats cheating incidents very seriously and will investigate any suspect behavior. Students found guilty will incur penalties that could include a failing grade or being barred from future registration in other economics courses or programs. The University may impose further penalties such as a notation on your official academic transcript, suspension or expulsion.

4. **Plagiarism**: Students must write their essays and assignments in their own words. Whenever students take an idea or a passage from another author, they must acknowledge it by using quotation marks where appropriate and referencing with footnotes or citations. Plagiarism is a major academic offense (see Scholastic Offence Policy in the current UWO Academic Calendar at [http://westerncalendar.uwo.ca/2014/pg113.html](http://westerncalendar.uwo.ca/2014/pg113.html)). The University of Western Ontario uses software to check for plagiarism and students may be required to submit their written work in electronic form. Those found guilty will have penalties imposed as noted in point 3.

5. It is Department of Economics policy that **NO** assignments be dated, stamped or accepted by staff. Students are responsible for submitting assignments in class or to the instructor during office hours.

6. When appealing a mark, students should refer to the University’s Procedures in the current UWO Academic Calendar ([http://westerncalendar.uwo.ca/2014/pg112.html](http://westerncalendar.uwo.ca/2014/pg112.html)). Please note the relevant deadlines.

The Department will not consider any appeal unless an attempt has been made to settle the matter first with your instructor. If after this discussion you remain dissatisfied with a grade or other decision, you may proceed with a written appeal (e-mails are not acceptable) to the Undergraduate Director in Economics, stating the reasons for your appeal. A useful form and checklist is provided at ([http://economics.uwo.ca/undergraduate/program_counselling/responsibilities_policies.html#appeals](http://economics.uwo.ca/undergraduate/program_counselling/responsibilities_policies.html#appeals)).
7. Systematic adjustments of a class grade distribution (either up or down) can occur in Economics courses. The fact that grades have been adjusted is not grounds for an appeal.

8. Note the following add and drop deadlines:

   Last day to **add** a full course or First term half course:  
   **Friday, September 12th**, 2014

   Last day to **drop** second term half course without academic penalty:  
   **Wednesday, November 5th**, 2014

9. Faculty of Social Science policy states that oversleeping or misreading an exam schedule is not an excuse for a make-up. This rule applies to all mid-term tests and final exams in the Department of Economics.

**Policy Regarding Makeup Tests and Final Examinations**

*Academic Accommodation will not be granted automatically on request. You must demonstrate by documentation that there are compelling medical or compassionate grounds before academic accommodation will be considered.*

If you decide to write a test or an examination, you must be prepared to accept the mark you earn. Rewriting tests or examinations, or having the value of the test or examination reweighted on a retroactive basis, is not permitted. Book airline flights after you know the dates of your final examinations. Airline flights must not conflict with test or final exams.

If you are requesting a makeup test for a midterm or a final examination, unless medically incapable, notify your instructor by email or phone, preferably prior to the scheduled date of the test, but definitely within **24 hours** of the date of the test or exam. Failure to follow this procedure may result in denial of a request for academic accommodation or result in a grade of zero. Set up an appointment as soon as possible to meet personally with your instructor. If the instructor is not available, you may send an email message, copying the Undergraduate Coordinator at econugrd@uwo.ca (Social Science Room 4075). **Notifying your instructor of a missed test or exam does not automatically entitle you to a makeup test.**

Students who seek a makeup test or examination must provide medical or other relevant verification that their absence from a regularly scheduled test or examination is beyond their control. Documentation must support your reasons. Medical documentation should be given to the Academic Counselling Office of your home Faculty **as soon as possible (preferably within 24 hours of the test)** if you know you may not be able to write your final examination on the scheduled day and time. Failure to follow this procedure, or to provide supporting documentation, may result in denial of a request for academic accommodation or result in a grade of zero. If your documentation is not acceptable, you will be given a zero for the missed test.

For personal illness, if you consult Student Health Services regarding your illness or personal problem, you should request a Student Medical Certificate from the physician. If
you were seen by an off-campus doctor, obtain a certificate from his/her office at the time of your visit. The off-campus medical certificate form must be used and can be found at: [http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/medicalform.pdf](http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/medicalform.pdf). Notes stating "For Medical Reasons" are not considered sufficient.

For any other circumstances, if you are not sure what documentation to provide, ask your Academic Counselor. If your documentation is judged sufficient, the academic counselor will issue a Recommendation for a Special Examination (a single form for midterms or a triple color form for final examinations). Once you have this form, contact your instructor as soon as possible to make arrangements. Even if approved from your home faculty Academic Counsellor, there is no guarantee that you will be allowed to write the makeup test and exam.

For final examinations, you need permission from your home Faculty Counsellor, your instructor, and the Department Undergraduate Director. Failure to follow this procedure may result in an examination grade of zero. You must ensure that the Special Examination form has been signed by the instructor and Department Undergraduate Director and that the form is returned to the Academic Counseling Office for approval without delay. Make-up final examinations, if permitted, will be written within one month of the end of the exam period.

**Policies Regarding Academic Accommodation**

Information about the Faculty of Social Science’s policies regarding academic accommodation is found on its website at [http://counselling.ssc.uwo.ca/procedures/havingproblems.asp](http://counselling.ssc.uwo.ca/procedures/havingproblems.asp) or in Social Science Room 2105. Your “Academic Rights and Responsibilities” are also outlined in the current UWO Calendar at [http://westerncalendar.uwo.ca/2014/pg111.html](http://westerncalendar.uwo.ca/2014/pg111.html). Claiming that “you didn’t know what to do” is not an acceptable excuse for not following the stated procedures.

**Policy Regarding Class Attendance**

If your instructor views your class attendance as unsatisfactory, you can be prohibited from writing the final examination. If there is intent to make use of this University policy, you will be notified in writing.

**Statement on Mental Health and Support Services**

If you or someone you know is experiencing emotional/mental distress, there are several resources here at Western to assist you. Please visit [http://www.uwo.ca/uwocom/mentalhealth/](http://www.uwo.ca/uwocom/mentalhealth/) for more information and a complete list of resources, as well as how to obtain help.