

INTERMEDIATE MACROECONOMIC THEORY and POLICY I

ECONOMICS EC2152A-001

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Registration

You are responsible for ensuring you are registered in the correct courses. If you are not registered in a course, the Department will not release any of your marks until your registration is corrected. You may check your timetable by using the Login on the Student Services website at <https://student.uwo.ca>. If you notice a problem, please contact your home Faculty Academic Counsellor immediately.

Prerequisite Note

The prerequisite(s) for this course is (are) *Economics 1021A/B and 1022A/B, or Economics 1020 or 2001A/B, and one of MCV4U, Mathematics 0110A/B, Calculus 1000A/B, Calculus 1500A/B, Mathematics 1225A/B or the former Calculus 1100A/B.*

You are responsible for ensuring that you have successfully completed all course prerequisites, and that you have not taken an anti-requisite course. Lack of pre-requisites 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.

Course Objectives:

This is a course in macroeconomic theory at the intermediate level. The course is primarily concerned with building a workable model of the economy that will explain the major aggregate variables. Thus, the determination of national income, consumption, investment, economic growth and business cycles and economic policy will be discussed. The course will rely on models that incorporate the main tenets of modern macroeconomics and emphasizes the current methodology in the field.

Course Learning Outcomes:

Upon successful completion of the course, the student will:

Be able to identify the various phases of the business cycle and explain how key macroeconomic variables behave in these phases.

Be able to distinguish between the differences and similarities of the three methods of national income accounting and will be able to calculate GDP using these three methods.

Be able to define and calculate various labour market and price level measurements, while discussing the limitations of these measurements.

Be able to develop both graphically and numerically the one-period and two-period models which represent the micro foundations of our macro model.

Be able to critically compare and explain the causes and effects of changes in these models and apply this knowledge to new examples.

Be able to define and explain the income and substitution effects on the representative consumer's choices.

Be able to derive algebraically and graphically the labour supply curve.

Be able to analyze and explain the determinants and their effects on the labour, goods and money markets.

Be able to distinguish between the sources of growth and solve graphically and algebraically for equilibrium.

Be able to explain how monetary policy and fiscal policy affects the economy, while discussing the advantages and disadvantages of various types of policies, and understanding the role of the Bank of Canada and the government in implementing these policies.

Be able to contrast and explain recent recessions in Canadian history as well as the financial crisis.

Textbook:**Option 1:**

Stephen D. Williamson, Macroeconomics, 4th Canadian Edition, Pearson Canada 2012. (Full Regular Edition)

Option 2:

Stephen D. Williamson, Macroeconomics, 4th Canadian Edition, Pearson Canada 2012. (Abridged CUSTOM Edition)

Both editions are available at the bookstore- the custom edition contains only chapters of the Williamson text relevant to Ec2152A, while the full regular edition contains these chapters and others. Students taking or planning to take Ec2153B **should** purchase the Full edition, while students **only** taking Ec2152A may consider the option of the custom edition.

It is **required** that students have access to the textbook. Although it is not required, it is **recommended** that students have the study guide as well. The textbook and study guide can be purchased at the campus bookstore. A copy of the textbook should be available in the reserve section of the Weldon library once the term begins.

Grading:

The course grade will be based on two quizzes, one midterm, and a final exam. Each **quiz** will take approximately 30 minutes and will be written in class on the specified days. Students must be in class on the quiz days in order to write the quizzes.

Both the quizzes and the midterm will be modular, and the final exam will be comprehensive, covering relevant material from the textbook, **and material covered in class that may not appear in the text.**

The distribution of the marks is as follows:

Quizzes: 25% (lowest quiz grade at 10%, highest quiz grade at 15%)

Midterm Exam: 30%

Final Exam: 45%

Dates

Quizzes: Wednesday, May 18, Wednesday, June 8 (in class)

Midterm: Saturday, May 28, 2:00-4:00pm, (Location TBD)

Final: TBD by Registrar

Other Important Dates:

May 9- First day of class

May 23- Victoria Day holiday- **NO CLASS**

June 15- Last day of class

Attendance

All class participants are required to attend class and comport themselves in a civil manner to all other members of the class. This includes not carrying on **personal conversations** during class time or **leaving before the class is ended**. For the official regulation regarding attendance please refer to senate regulation **S.04-097 section 2 in the section on attendance regulations for examinations**. <http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/handbook/exam/attendance.pdf>

Tentative Course Outline:

Introduction

This section will cover basic definitions and the calculation of national income/output. As well, the major variables and attributes of the business cycle are examined.

Williamson, Chapters 1, 2, 3.

Consumer and Firm behavior

In this section the representative consumer and the representative firm is introduced. This topic makes up the starting point of our model.

Williamson, Chapter 4.

One period model of the economy

In this section the government sector is added to the consumer's and the firm's decisions and equilibrium is obtained.

Williamson, Chapter 5.

Saving and the Two-Period Model

In this section the model extends the consumer to two periods and studies consumption allocation across time.

Williamson, Chapter 9,10.

Two period model of the Economy with Investment

Here the individual parts of the model are brought together and the basic model renders a macroeconomic equilibrium.

Williamson, Chapter 11.

Money

This section introduces money into the model and its relationship to economic activity.

Williamson, Chapter 12.

Economic Growth

This section deals with the long run growth of the economy

Williamson, Chapter 7.

Please Note

Department Policies – Summer 2016

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>.
2. Students must familiarize themselves with the “Rules of Conduct for Examinations” <http://westerncalendar.uwo.ca/2016/pg136.html>.
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 behaviour. 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 offence (see Scholastic Offence Policy in the current UWO Academic Calendar at <http://westerncalendar.uwo.ca/2016/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/2016/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

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:

Dates for **adding** courses in the summer:

Last day to <u>add</u> a Distance Studies Course	Monday, May 13, 2016
Last day to <u>add</u> an Intersession Course:	Tuesday, May 17, 2016
Last day to <u>add</u> a first term half course Summer Evening:	Friday, May 8, 2016
Last day to <u>add</u> a second term half course Summer Evening:	Friday, June 24, 2016

Dates for **dropping** Courses in the summer:

Last day to <u>drop</u> a Distance Studies Course	Monday, June 13, 2016
Last day to <u>drop</u> an Intersession Course	Monday, June 6, 2016
Last day to <u>drop</u> a first term half course Summer Evening:	Monday, June 6, 2016
Last day to <u>drop</u> a second term half course Summer Evening:	Friday, July 18, 2016

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.

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 Counsellor. 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 ASAP 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 Chair. 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 Chair 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> or in Social Science Room 2105. Your "Academic Rights and Responsibilities" are also outlined in the current UWO Calendar at <http://westerncalendar.uwo.ca/2016/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 debarred 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/> for more information and a complete list of resources, as well as how to obtain help.