

PRINCIPLES of MACROECONOMICS ECONOMICS 1022B – 650

Department of Economics
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COURSE OUTLINE

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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 courses on the Registrar's Office website at <https://student.uwo.ca>

If you notice a problem, please contact your faculty academic counselor right away.

Prerequisite Note

Economics 1021A/B. Students must either take Economics 1021A/B before Economics 1022A/B or they must take the two courses concurrently.

Goal of the Course

The goal of this course is to introduce you to the principles of economics and 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 the course, the student will be able to:

1. Describe the various measures of macroeconomic activity
2. Use economic models to determine equilibrium in an economy.
3. Explain what causes fluctuations in an economy.
4. Describe how the government uses fiscal and monetary policy to influence the economy.
5. Describe the requirements for long term economic growth.

Required resources

MACROECONOMICS: Canada in the Global Environment, 9th edition, Parkin & Bade,

The study workbook “Macroeconomics flexText” and the access kit for MyEconLab are also recommended. These can be purchased in a bundle with the textbook.

MyEconLab is an online resource with many valuable aids to help you with your studying and is used to do the optional online quizzes. It can be accessed at the www.pearsonmylab.com website, access to this website is included with the purchase of the textbook package or can be purchased separately. (The Myeconlab website includes an online version of the textbook.)

Macroeconomics flexText is a hard copy study guide containing key concepts, self-tests, multiple choice practice questions and short answer problems. It is also included with the purchase of the textbook package or can be purchased separately.

MyEconLab Course Id:

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Method of evaluation (you will be given the higher mark from the following two options)

Option 1

Mid - term test #1 – 25%

Mid - term test #2 – 25%

Exam – 50% (This exam will cover all material taken since the beginning of the course)

Option 2

Online (MyEconLab) quizzes (average of best 7 quizzes) – 10%

Mid - term test #1 – 25%

Mid - term test #2 – 25%

Exam – 40% (This exam will cover all material taken since the beginning of the course)

Mid-term results will be posted on OWL. Final grades will be available on the Student Services website.

All tests and exams are 2 hours and will consist of multiple choice questions. The tests and final exam will cover material on the reading list and presented in class. Your final mark will be available at:

<https://studentservices.uwo.ca/secure/index.cfm>

You are required to bring to the tests and exams:

- Current UWO student ID card
- Pencil
- Non-programmable calculator (graphing and cell phone calculators are not allowed)

Missed Tests. Review the policies that are attached and the following

If you know in advance that you are unable to write a mid-term test, you must discuss this with me well before the test date. If your reason for missing the test is approved by me, you will write a make-up test before the regular test date.

If something comes up the day of a mid-term test such that you are unable to write the test, then you need to email me within 48 hours of the test. You must also see your academic counselor in order for them to review your reason and documentation for missing the test. If your counselor and I both agree that you had a legitimate reason to miss the test (supported by the appropriate documentation) then you will be able to write a make-up test consisting of short answer and essay style questions.

Suggestions for doing well in the course:

- Start each week by reading the assigned textbook chapter, then read the chapter summary in the flextext.
- Work as many problems in MyEconLab and the flextext as you need to feel comfortable with the material, but make sure that you do the Recommended Problems in flextext as shown below in the schedule. The short answer problems in the flextext can be time consuming but are very beneficial. There are lots of questions in MyEconLab in “Chapter Resources”. Do the Sample Tests as shown above, these are on MyEconLab under “Assignments”, “Take a Quiz/Test”, “Sample Tests and Quizzes”. There are no marks attached to these Sample Tests but they are good practice. It is difficult to do well in this course by just reading the textbook, economics requires active learning. Once you feel you have a good understanding of the material do the Quiz on MyEconLab (these can be for marks – refer above under Method of Evaluation.) The Quizzes can be found under “Assignments”.
- If you have any questions about the material, post them on the forum for discussion with your classmates. I monitor the forum to make sure that you aren’t being led astray.
- If you have questions about the course please check the course syllabus, schedule, and OWL before emailing me.

SCHEDULE

Week of	Topic	Readings	Activities in MyEconLab	Recommended Problems in flextext
Jan. 5	- Buy textbook and register on MyEconLab - Introduction to economics and macroeconomics	Review Ch. 1 and Ch. 2	Find the Chapter Resources, Sample Tests, and Graded Quizzes	
Jan. 9	- Measures of economic activity (GDP) cont'd	Ch. 20 (incl. Mathematical Note at the end of the chapter)	- Sample Test 20A - Sample Test 20B - Quiz #1 due Jan. 15	Short Answer #6-8 pages 144-145
Jan. 16	- Measures of economic activity (Inflation)	Ch. 21, pages 498-503	- Sample Test 21A #5,7,8,12,14-16 - Sample Test 21B #5-7,11,12,14,17	Short Answer #6 page 165
Jan. 23	- Measures of economic activity (Unemployment) - Measures of economic activity (Business Cycles)	Ch. 21, pages 489-497 Ch. 20, page 473	- Sample Test 21A #1-4,6,9-11,13,17 - Sample Test 21B #1-4,8-10,13,15,16 - Quiz #2 due Jan. 29	Short Answer #3,5,7 pages 163,165,166
Jan. 30	- Measures of economic activity (Foreign Exchange)	Ch. 25, pages 593-607	- Sample Test 25A #1-3,5-10, 12, 13, 15-17,19 - Sample Test 25B #1,3,5,7-10,12-14,16-19 - Quiz #3 due Feb. 5	Multiple Choice #6,8,11-13,15-17 pages 256-259
Feb. 6	- Aggregate Supply and Aggregate Demand	Ch. 26	- Sample Test 26A - Sample Test 26B - Quiz #4 due Feb. 12	Multiple Choice #1-3,6-9,11
Feb. 11	Mid-Term Test – 25% Time and location TBA			

Week of	Topic	Readings	Activities in MyEconLab	Recommended Problems in flextext
Feb. 13	- Expenditure Multipliers	Ch. 27 (incl. mathematical note)	- Sample Test 27A - Sample Test 27B - Quiz # 5 due Feb. 26	Short Answer #7 page 316
Feb. 20	Study Week – No Classes			
Feb. 27	- Fiscal Policy	Ch. 29	- Sample Test 29A - Sample Test 29B - Quiz #6 due March 5	
March 6	- Money and Banking	Ch. 24 (incl. mathematical note)	- Sample Test 24A - Sample Test 24B - Quiz #7 due March 12	Short Answer #4,5 pages 239-240
March 13	- Monetary Policy	Ch. 30	- Sample Test 30A - Sample Test 30B - Quiz #8 due March 19	
March 18	Mid-Term Test – 25% Time and location TBA			
March 20	- Inflation/Unemployment trade-off	Ch. 28 pages 683-688 and 692-693	- Sample Test 28A #7-10,11,13,16, 18,19 - Sample Test 28B #4,5,7,8,12-17,19 - Quiz #9 due March 26	Multiple Choice #5-8 pages 332-333
March 27	- Economic Growth - International Trade	- Ch. 22 - Pages 40-43		
April 3	- International Trade - Financing Trade	- Ch. 31 - pages 608-613	- Sample Test 31A - Sample Test 31B - Sample Test 25A #4,11,14,18 - Sample Test 25B #2,4,11,15 - Quiz #10 due April 7	- Multiple Choice #7-12 pages 403-404 - Short Answer #8 page 266
	Exam To be scheduled during the exam period (April 9-30) Covers all material from the beginning of the course			
NOTE: You will not be tested on historical data, trends, etc. on the mid-term tests or the exam				

Please Note
Department Policies for 2016 – 2017

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 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 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:

Last day to **add** a first term half course:
Friday, January 13th, 2017

Last day to **drop** first term half course without academic penalty:
Tuesday, March 7th, 2017

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 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> 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 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/> for more information and a complete list of resources, as well as how to obtain help.