

Intermediate Macroeconomic Theory and Policy II

ECONOMICS EC2153B-001

Department of Economics

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Office hours: Office hours will be held online using Zoom. Tuesday 10:00 am-noon.

Meeting Time & Classroom: M & W, 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm, Social Sciences Centre Rm 2020

Course website: <https://owl.uwo.ca/portal>

Undergraduate inquiries: 519-661-3507 or SSC Room 4075 or econugrd@uwo.ca

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 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/Antirequisite Note: .

The prerequisite for this course is **Economics 2152A/B**.

You are responsible for ensuring that you have successfully completed all course prerequisites, and that you have not taken any anti-requisite courses. 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.

Course Description:

This course is a continuation of Macroeconomics 2152. In this course, we will examine models of the business cycle, international trade, monetary policy, employment and endogenous growth. The course applies a modern approach based on micro-foundations to study macroeconomic issues. This course has more of a focus on surveying different macro models, whereas its prerequisite emphasized the construction of a macro model.

Course Learning Outcomes:

Upon successful completion of the course, students will be able to:

1. Understand the micro-founded approach macroeconomics, develop their math skills, and build their and analytical intuition and comprehension of the covered economic models.
2. Students will learn the key features of and main differences across various macroeconomic models. Students will compare what features of the economy some models can capture and identify where other models fail. The topics covered include, for instance,
 - (a) A monetary intertemporal model to study the business cycle
 - (b) Models that explore the factors underlying inflation, and unemployment
 - (c) Models of monetary policy to understand the role of central banks
 - (d) Models of endogenous growth and cross-country income differences
3. Critically evaluate and understand current events from a macroeconomic policy perspective.

Textbook:

Williamson, Stephen, Macroeconomics, 6th Canadian Edition, Pearson Addison Wesley.

Gradings:

The course grade will be based on two midterms and one final exam.

Assessments	Tentative Date & Time*	Length	Weight
Midterm 1	June 29 st / 2pm-4pm	75 minutes	25%
Midterm 2	July 15 th / 2pm-4pm	75 minutes	25%
Final exam	July 29 th / 2pm-5pm	2 hours	50%

*The exam dates/times are tentative and subject to change.

The midterms and final exam will be in a mixed format, a combination of multiple choice and fill-in-the-blank questions, and computational exercises.

Policy Regarding Missed Assessments:

There will be no make-up for missed midterms. Students who miss a midterm due to medical or compassionate grounds (or in case you can provide the appropriate documentation) will have the weight transferred to the final exam. For all missed midterms, you must submit your valid documentation to Academic Counselling within 2 business days of the exam date. You must also notify your instructor prior to the test or at least within 24 hours after the excused period.

Students who miss the final exam, with approved documentation will write a makeup final exam that may differ in format from the original scheduled final exam and may be delivered on a different platform.

Students who miss any assessment (whether a midterm or final exam) **must** follow Western University's procedures for approval of their absence in order to receive an accommodation. Please see the **Please Note Department & University Policies for summer 2023** section of this syllabus for details on these procedures. If during the Winter 2022 term Western University announces any changes to these procedures, please follow those procedures.

Course Outline:

1. Review (Ch.3 and 11)
2. Intertemporal model with money (Ch.12)
3. Theories of business cycles (Ch.13 and 14)
4. International trade (Ch.15)
5. Money in the open economy (Ch.16)
6. Monetary policy and banking (Ch.17)
7. Unemployment (Ch.6).
8. Endogenous growth model (Ch.7 and 8) (Tentative)

Note: Not all chapters will be covered entirely, and some topics not in the textbook can be added to the lectures.

Contacting the Instructor:

My office hours are provided on page 1. Please do not hesitate to join my Zoom office hours if you have any questions. In case my scheduled office hours do not align with your availability, you may request an appointment by email. To ensure that your message receives prompt attention and is not mistaken for spam, please include the subject line "EC2153" in your email

Professionalism, Privacy and Copyright:

- Students are expected to follow the [Student Code of Conduct](#).
- All lectures and course materials, including slides, presentations, outlines, and similar materials, are protected by **copyright**. Students may take notes and make copies of course materials for their own educational purposes only.
- Students may not record lectures, reproduce (or allow others to reproduce), post or distribute lecture notes, assessments, or any other course materials publicly and/or for commercial purposes without written consent of the instructor.
- Recordings (audio or video) are not permitted without explicit, written permission of the instructor. Permitted recordings may not be distributed or shared.
- Students are expected to follow online etiquette expectations provided on OWL (*if applicable; otherwise delete this bullet point*)
- Students will be expected to take an academic integrity pledge before some assessments (*if applicable; otherwise delete this bullet point*)
- Some sessions may be recorded by the instructor. Recorded sessions will remain within the course site or be unlisted if streamed (*if applicable; otherwise delete this bullet point*)

Please Note
Department & University Policies for Summer 2023

The University expects all students to take responsibility for their own Academic Programs. Students should also check their registration to ensure they are enrolled in the correct courses.

1. **Guidelines, policies, and your academic rights and responsibilities** are posted online in the current Western Academic Calendar at: <http://westerncalendar.uwo.ca>. Claiming that “you didn’t know what to do” is not an acceptable excuse for not following the stated policies and procedures.
2. Students must familiarize themselves with the “**Rules of Conduct for Examinations**” http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/exam/administration.pdf.
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 suspension or expulsion.
4. **Plagiarism:** Students must write their essays and assignments in their own words. When taking an idea/passage from another author, it must be acknowledged with quotation marks where appropriate and referenced with footnotes or citations. Plagiarism is an academic offence (see Scholastic Discipline for Undergraduate Students in the Western Calendar at http://westerncalendar.uwo.ca/PolicyPages.cfm?Command=showCategory&PolicyCategoryID=1&SelectedCalendar=Live&ArchiveID=#Page_20).

Western University uses software to check for plagiarism and students may be required to electronically submit their work. Those found guilty will be penalized as noted in point 3.

5. It is a Department of Economics policy that **NO** assignments be dated, stamped, or accepted by staff. Students must submit assignments to the instructor.
6. **Appeals:** University policies and procedures for appealing a mark can be found in the Student Academic Appeals section in the current Western Academic Calendar at: http://westerncalendar.uwo.ca/PolicyPages.cfm?Command=showCategory&PolicyCategoryID=1&SelectedCalendar=Live&ArchiveID=#Page_14. **Please note the relevant deadlines.**

Department of Economics procedures for appealing a mark can be found here: https://economics.uwo.ca/undergraduate/program_counselling/responsibilities_policies.html#appeals. The Department will not consider an appeal unless an attempt has been made to settle the matter with the instructor first. Students who remain dissatisfied with the outcome may proceed to submit an appeal to econugrd@uwo.ca. Please follow the instructions and use the appeal form shown in the above link.

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:

- Distance Studies – May 12
- Intersession – May 16
- Summer Evening A Term – May 12
- Summer Evening B Term – June 23

Last Day to Drop:

- Distance Studies – June 5
- Intersession – June 5
- Summer Evening A Term – June 5
- Summer Evening B Term – June 17

Policy Regarding Makeup Tests and Final Examinations

Faculty of Social Science policy states that oversleeping or misreading an exam schedule is NOT grounds for a makeup. This rule applies to midterm and final exams in the Department of Economics.

Policies Regarding Academic Accommodation

- Academic accommodation will not be granted automatically on request. Students must demonstrate by documentation that there are compelling medical or compassionate grounds before academic accommodation will be considered. The Faculty of Social Science's policies on academic accommodation are found at https://counselling.ssc.uwo.ca/procedures/academic_consideration.html
- **Accommodation for Students with Disabilities:** Students with disabilities or accessibility challenges should work with Accessible Education (formerly SSD, see http://academicsupport.uwo.ca/accessible_education/index.html), which provides recommendations for accommodation based on medical documentation or psychological and cognitive testing. The accommodation policy can be found here: [Academic Accommodation for Students with Disabilities](#).
- **Rewriting Exams and Retroactive Reweighting are NOT Permitted:** Students who proceed to write a test or examination must be prepared to accept the mark. Rewriting tests or examinations, or retroactive reweighting of marks, is **not** permitted. Students must also book travel arrangements AFTER final exam dates have been posted as they must not conflict with test or final exams.
- Unless medically incapable of doing so, students must notify their instructor prior to the test date or at least within **24 hours** when requesting a makeup exam. Failure to follow this

procedure may result in denial of academic accommodation and a grade of zero. Students should also set up an appointment as soon as possible to meet with their instructor. If the instructor is not available, send an email message to the instructor, copying the Undergraduate Coordinator at econugrd@uwo.ca. **Notifying instructors of a missed exam does not automatically entitle students to a makeup.**

- For medical illnesses, students may consult Student Health Services and request a Student Medical Certificate from the physician. If assessed by an off-campus doctor, students must obtain a certificate from his/her office at the time of the visit/assessment. Student Medical Certificate (SMC) is available here:
https://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/medicalform.pdf
- **Documentation for Accommodation:** Individual instructors are not permitted to receive documentation directly from a student, whether in support of an application for consideration on medical grounds or for other reasons.
- **Western University policy on Consideration for Student Absence** is available here:
https://counselling.ssc.uwo.ca/procedures/probation_rtw/appeals.html
- **Religious Accommodation:** Students should consult the University's list of recognized religious holidays and should give reasonable notice in writing, prior to the holiday, to the Instructor and an Academic Counsellor if their course requirements will be affected by a religious observance. Additional information is given in the [Western Multicultural Calendar](#).

Policy Regarding Class Attendance and Engagement:

If the instructor deems a student's attendance or engagement in the class to be unsatisfactory, that student may be prohibited from writing the final examination. Examples of unsatisfactory class engagement include frequent absences from an in-person or synchronous online class, lack of assignment submissions, and inadequate use of online course materials. Instructors who intend to make use of this policy will notify the student in advance.

Statement on Mental Health and Support Services:

Students under emotional/mental distress should visit http://uwo.ca/health/mental_wellbeing/ for more information and a complete list of resources on how to obtain help.

Statement on Remote Proctoring:

While Western intends to hold most classes, mid-terms and finals in-person, the London-Middlesex Health unity may require western to teach in a remote format. If this occurs, all assessments will be done remotely and may involve the use of remote proctoring software (i.e., Proctorio, ProctorTrack). Instructors will provide information on the details should the need arise.