

University of Waterloo
Department of Economics
ECON 202-002: Macroeconomic Theory 1
Course Outline - Spring, 2016

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Lectures: Monday and Wednesday 10:00-11:20am , AL 211

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Course Description:

This course introduces students to intermediate macroeconomic tools used for analysis of the economy. The determinants of key outcomes such as income/output, employment/unemployment, prices/inflation, and interest rates, are explored. Business cycles are introduced and the Classical and Keynesian models are compared. Impacts of fiscal and monetary policy are analyzed in the closed economy, and subsequently discussed in the context of an open economy. Time permitting, a brief introduction to the neoclassical growth model will conclude. Throughout the course, attention will be paid to current issues in macroeconomic theory both in Canada and globally.

Course Materials:

The text book for this course is Macroeconomics, 6th Canadian Edition, by Abel, Bernanke, Croushore and Kneebone. Note: although the 6th edition is what the bookstore has stocked, earlier editions (3rd to 5th) contain the majority of the core materials if you find a used copy. There are also two copies of the 4th edition in Dana Porter Library.

On Line:

[Lecture Slides](#), [Assignments and Solutions](#), [Study Questions](#), [Supplementary Reading Material](#)

Topics:

I.	Terms and Concepts	ch.1
II.	Measurement and Accounting	ch.2
III.	Production	ch.3 p54-63
IV.	Labour Market	ch.3 p63-94
V.	Goods Market	ch.4
VI.	Asset Market	ch.7
VII.	General Equilibrium IS-LM/AD-AS Model	ch.9
VIII.	Business Cycles	ch.8
IX.	Classical versus Keynesian	ch.11,12
X.	Unemployment and Inflation	ch.13
XI.	Open Economy Macroeconomics	ch.5,10
XII.	Monetary and Fiscal Policy	ch.14,15

Approximately one week will be spent on each topic.

Course Requirements and Grading Scheme:

Quiz	(10%)	May 18
Assignment 1	(5%)	June 13
Mid-Term	(30%)	June 22
Assignment 2	(5%)	July 25
Final Exam	(50%)	*TBA

The Rules for ECON 202:

Assignments must be submitted at 10:00am on the due date. Any missed or late assignments will have their weight automatically transferred to the final exam, provided you have completed sufficient coursework.

If you miss the quiz or mid-term, the weight of this test will automatically go to your final exam. No make-up will be held. If you do better on the final exam than on the quiz and/or mid-term, I will automatically shift the weight of either (or both) to your final exam, provided you have completed sufficient coursework.

A student who misses the final exam should read the following policy on missed exams <https://uwaterloo.ca/economics/current-undergraduates/policies-and-resources/deferred-final-exam-policy>. A student who misses the final exam may request to write a make-up (deferred) exam. The deferred exam will be substantially different than that written by the rest of the class. Students applying to write a make-up are required to submit a [Deferred Final Examination Request form \(PDF\)](#) and attach supporting documentation (i.e. [Verification of Illness form](#) and Quest unofficial transcript) for **EACH** missed exam. You will be notified at your U.W. e-mail whether or not your request is granted. Any student who fails to write the deferred exam will automatically receive a grade of zero on that exam.

Accommodation for Students with Disabilities

Note for students with disabilities: The [AccessAbility Services](#) office, located on the first floor of the Needles Hall extension (1401), collaborates with all academic departments to arrange appropriate accommodations for students with disabilities without compromising the academic integrity of the curriculum. If you require academic accommodations to lessen the impact of your disability, please register with the AS office at the beginning of each academic term.

Academic Integrity

Academic Integrity: In order to maintain a culture of academic integrity, members of the University of Waterloo are expected to promote honesty, trust, fairness, respect and responsibility. See the [UWaterloo Academic Integrity](#) webpage and the [Arts Academic Integrity](#) webpage for more information.

Discipline: A student is expected to know what constitutes academic integrity, to avoid committing academic offences, and to take responsibility for his/her actions. A student who is unsure whether an action constitutes an offence, or who needs help in learning how to avoid offences (e.g., plagiarism, cheating) or about “rules” for group work/collaboration should seek guidance from the course professor, academic advisor, or the Undergraduate Associate Dean. When misconduct has been found to have occurred, disciplinary penalties will be imposed under Policy 71 – Student Discipline. For information on categories of offences and types of penalties, students should refer to [Policy 71 – Student Discipline](#). For typical penalties, check [Guidelines for the Assessment of Penalties](#).

Grievance: A student who believes that a decision affecting some aspect of his/her university life has been unfair or unreasonable may have grounds for initiating a grievance. Read [Policy 70, Student Petitions and Grievances, Section 4](#). When in doubt, please be certain to contact the department’s administrative assistant who will provide further assistance.

Appeals: A decision made or penalty imposed under [Policy 70, Student Petitions and Grievances](#) (other than a petition) or [Policy 71, Student Discipline](#) may be appealed if there is a ground. A student who believes he/she has a ground for an appeal should refer to [Policy 72, Student Appeals](#).

Cross-listed course

Please note that a cross-listed course will count in all respective averages no matter under which rubric it has been taken. For example, a PHIL/PSCI cross-list will count in a Philosophy major average, even if the course was taken under the Political Science rubric.