

University of Waterloo
Department of Economics
ECON 202-004: Macroeconomic Theory 1
Course Outline - Winter, 2016

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Lectures: Tuesday and Thursday 2:30-3:50 pm, MC 4045

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Hours: Wednesday 2:00-4:00 pm, or by appointment

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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, 7th Canadian Edition, by Abel, Bernanke, Croushore and Kneebone. Note: although the 7th edition is what the bookstore has stocked, earlier editions (3rd to 6th) 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](#)

[Practice Questions](#)

[Supplementary Reading Material](#)

Topics:

I.	Terms and Concepts	ch.1
II.	Measurement and Accounting	ch.2
III.	Production	ch.3 p47-56
IV.	Labour Market	ch.3 p56-84
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.

Comments and further reading suggestions will be available on the course web page. Students are advised to check this page frequently, particularly when preparing for assignments or exams.

Course Requirements and Grading Scheme:

Quiz (in class)	(15%)	Thursday, January 28
Assignment 1	(5%)	Thursday, February 11
Mid-Term (in class)	(25%)	Thursday, March 3
Assignment 2	(5%)	Thursday, March 24
Final Exam	(50%)	*TBA

The Rules for ECON 202 LEC 004:

Assignments must be submitted at 2:30 pm, in class, 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 may submit a request to write a make-up (deferred) exam. The make-up exam will be substantially different than that written by the rest of the class. Any student who fails to write the deferred exam will automatically receive a grade of zero on that exam. Please carefully read the deferred exam policy (link below).

Economics Department Deferred Final Exam Policy

Deferred Final Exam Policy found at <https://uwaterloo.ca/economics/current-undergraduates/policies-and-resources/deferred-final-exam-policy>.

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.

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.

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 offenses and types of penalties, students should refer to [Policy 71 - Student Discipline](https://uwaterloo.ca/secretariat-general-counsel/policies-procedures-guidelines/policy-71) (<https://uwaterloo.ca/secretariat-general-counsel/policies-procedures-guidelines/policy-71>)

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](https://uwaterloo.ca/secretariat-general-counsel/policies-procedures-guidelines/policy-70) (<https://uwaterloo.ca/secretariat-general-counsel/policies-procedures-guidelines/policy-70>), Section 4.

Appeals: A student may appeal the finding and/or penalty in a decision made under Policy 70 - Student Petitions and Grievances (other than regarding a petition) or Policy 71 - Student Discipline if a ground for an appeal can be established. Read [Policy 72 - Student Appeals](https://uwaterloo.ca/secretariat-general-counsel/policies-procedures-guidelines/policy-72) (<https://uwaterloo.ca/secretariat-general-counsel/policies-procedures-guidelines/policy-72>).

Other sources of information for students:

[Academic Integrity website \(Arts\)](https://uwaterloo.ca/arts/current-undergraduates/student-support/ethical-behaviour)

<https://uwaterloo.ca/arts/current-undergraduates/student-support/ethical-behaviour>

[Academic Integrity Office \(UWaterloo\)](https://uwaterloo.ca/academic-integrity/)

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Accommodation for Students with Disabilities

Note for students with disabilities: The [AccessAbility Services](https://uwaterloo.ca/disability-services) office (<https://uwaterloo.ca/disability-services>), located on the first floor of the Needles Hall extension (NH 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.

If you are using Turnitin in your course

Turnitin.com: Plagiarism detection software (Turnitin) will be used to screen assignments in this course. This is being done to verify that use of all material and sources in assignments is documented. In the first week of the term, details will be provided about the arrangements for the use of Turnitin in this course.

Note: students must be given a reasonable option if they do not want to have their assignment screened by Turnitin.

See [Turnitin at Waterloo](https://uwaterloo.ca/academic-integrity/integrity-waterloo-faculty/turnitin-waterloo) for more information. (<https://uwaterloo.ca/academic-integrity/integrity-waterloo-faculty/turnitin-waterloo>)

**** NEW ** statement:**

It is the responsibility of students to ensure that they write exams in the location, date, and time assigned to their section. Students writing exams in the wrong section will be assessed a 20% penalty on the final exam grade. There will be no accommodation for possible differences in exam material or content.