

University of Waterloo
Department of Economics
ECON 202-003: Macroeconomic Theory I
Course Outline - Winter, 2011

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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, 5th Canadian Edition, by Abel, Bernanke, and Kneebone. Note: although the 5th edition is what the bookstore has stocked, the 3rd and 4th edition contains the majority of the core materials we will cover if you can find a used copy. There is also a copy 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 p55-63
IV.	Labour Market	ch.3 p63-92
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
XIII.	Discussion on Growth	ch.6-optional

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	(10%)	*Wednesday, January 19
Assignment 1	(5%)	Due Monday, February 7
Mid-Term	(30%)	*Wednesday, February 16
Assignment 2	(5%)	Due Monday, March 21
Final Exam	(50%)	*TBA

The Rules for ECON 202:

Assignments must be handed in No Later than 11:59pm in the assignment drop box (outside HH210) on the day that it is due. Any missed assignments will have their weight automatically transferred to the final exam.

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 shift the weight of either (or both) to your final exam.

At the discretion of the instructor, a student who misses the Final Exam may write the a make-up for the Final Exam ONLY. This make-up will be substantially different than that written by the rest of the class, and may contain an oral component. Students applying to write this make-up are required to fill out a "petition addressed to the departmental examinations and standing committee" and submit it to me **within 48 hours** of missing the final. On this form, you must state the reasons for the missed test and provide documentation (medical or other).

Request forms are available at the department, and online at <http://www.economics.uwaterloo.ca/DepartPetition.pdf>. You may also read the Departmental policy here: <http://www.economics.uwaterloo.ca/DeferredExams.html>. A student who fails to write the deferred exam will automatically receive a grade of zero on that exam.

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"How to Avoid Plagiarism and Other Written Offences: A Guide for Students and Instructors" - <http://www.adm.uwaterloo.ca/infosec/Policies/policy70.htm>

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