

DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND OFFICE ADMINISTRATION

COURSE OUTLINE – Winter 2025

EC1020 (A3): Introduction to Macroeconomics – 3 (3-0-0) UT 45 Hours for 15 Weeks

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We acknowledge the history of this land and we are thankful for the opportunity to walk together in friendship, where we will encourage and promote positive change for present and future generations.

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CALENDAR DESCRIPTION:

Employment, inflation, international payments, monetary policy, and fiscal policy, all in the Canadian economy are topics explored in this course.

PREREQUISITE:

EC1010

REQUIRED TEXT/RESOURCE MATERIALS:

Sayre, J., & Morris, A. (2024). *Principles of Macroeconomics, 11th Edition*, McGraw-Hill Ryerson.

This textbook includes *Connect with SmartBook Online Access*. McGraw-Hill *Connect* is a web-based assignment and assessment platform that gives students the means to better connect with their coursework, and with the important concepts that they will need to know for success now and in the future. All students must have access to *Connect* for online practices, assignments and quizzes. You need an access code for *Connect* registration to gain access to the online resources. *Connect* registration instructions are available on *D2L*.

DELIVERY MODE(S):

On-campus (face-to-face) – This type of course will be delivered on campus in a specific location which will be indicated on the student timetable. Students are expected to fully attend in person.

LEARNING OUTCOMES:

Upon completion of this course students will be able to understand and explain:

- what are economic goals of society and why they are often difficult to achieve
- the fundamental concept of demand supply and the market equilibrium
- the causes and effects of a change in demand and a change in supply
- the circular flow of income and the components of GDP accounting
- how to measure economic growth and what are the benefits of economic growth
- what unemployment is and how it is measured
- the different types of unemployment and understand the costs of unemployment
- what inflation is and how it is measured
- the concept of potential GDP, the business cycle, and the source of economic growth
- the aggregate demand, the aggregate supply, and the aggregate expenditures models
- why the federal government's budget depends on the rate of taxation, the size of the GDP, and its own spending
- the pros and cons of a fiscal policy aimed at achieving full-employment equilibrium
- the pros and cons of a fiscal policy aimed at achieving a balanced budget in each fiscal year
- the functions and characteristics of money
- what is and is not money and describe the main function of modern banks as money lenders
- the various kinds of money and understand what fractional reserve banking means
- how the Keynesian transmission process works by targeting the money supply
- why most central banks believe targeting the interest rate is the most effective monetary tool
- why nations import certain goods, even though they can be made more cheaply at home
- the theory of absolute advantage and the theory of comparative advantage
- how the gains from trade are divided between trading partners
- various restrictions to, and some arguments against, free trade
- compare flexible and fixed exchange rate systems
- the meaning of a balance of payments surplus and deficit
- impact of a change in interest rates and exchange rates on the effectiveness of fiscal policy
- how the effectiveness of monetary policy is enhanced under a flexible exchange rate

TRANSFERABILITY:

Please consult the Alberta Transfer Guide for more information. You may check to ensure the transferability of this course at the Alberta Transfer Guide main page

<http://www.transferalberta.alberta.ca>

** Grade of D or D+ may not be acceptable for transfer to other post-secondary institutions.

Students are cautioned that it is their responsibility to contact the receiving institutions to ensure transferability.

EVALUATIONS:

Assignments.....	10%
Quizzes.....	20%
Midterm Exam.....	30%
Final Exam.....	40%

GRADING CRITERIA:

Please note that most universities will not accept your course for transfer credit **IF** your grade is **less than C-**.

Alpha Grade	4-point Equivalent	Percentage Guidelines	Alpha Grade	4-point Equivalent	Percentage Guidelines
A+	4.0	95-100	C+	2.3	67-69
A	4.0	85-94	C	2.0	63-66
A-	3.7	80-84	C-	1.7	60-62
B+	3.3	77-79	D+	1.3	55-59
B	3.0	73-76	D	1.0	50-54
B-	2.7	70-72	F	0.0	00-49

COURSE SCHEDULE/TENTATIVE TIMELINE:

Weeks	Topics and Required Readings	Notes
Jan 6	Ch1: Scarcity, Choice and Technology	Assignment and quiz due
Jan 13	Ch2: Demand and Supply	Assignment and quiz due
Jan 20	Ch3: GDP and Economic Growth	Assignment and quiz due
Jan 27	Ch4: Unemployment and Inflation	Assignment and quiz due
Feb 3	Ch5: Aggregate Demand and Supply	Assignment and quiz due
Feb 10	Ch6: Aggregate Expenditures	Assignment and quiz due
Feb 17	Winter Break - Feb 17-21	No Classes
Feb 24	Midterm Exam - Feb 26	Chapters 1-6
Mar 3	Ch7: Fiscal Policy	Assignment and quiz due

Mar 10	Ch8: Money and Banking	Assignment and quiz due
Mar 17	Ch9: The Money Market and Monetary Policy	Assignment and quiz due
Mar 24	Ch10: International Trade	Assignment and quiz due
Mar 31	Ch11: Exchange Rates; Balance of Payments	Assignment and quiz due
Apr 7	Ch12: Macroeconomic Policy Revisited	Assignment and quiz due
<i>Apr 14 -24</i>	<i>Final Exam – TBA</i>	<i>Chapters 1 - 12</i>

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES:

- **Attendance:** Students are expected to attend all scheduled lectures, arrive on time, and remain for the duration of the activities. Arriving late and leaving early is disruptive to the entire class. Frequent tardiness may be treated as an absence. **Students with absences in excess of 6 classes may be refused permission to write the final exam.** For more information, please refer to the Academic Regulations on Debarred from Exams at <https://www.nwpolytech.ca/programs/grading-systems.html>
- **Time Management:** Adopting and adhering to effective learning habits in this course will likely take up a great deal of time so plan your schedule accordingly. It is difficult to catch up once a student falls behind in required readings and exercises.
- **Cell Phones:** The use of cell phones during class time is unprofessional and distracting to the instructor and fellow students. Texting and talking on a cell phone during class is therefore strictly prohibited. Cell phones must be either turned off or set to silent mode and placed out of sight.
- **Email:** Email is the preferred option to communicate with your instructor. **Email correspondence to your instructor must be sent from your NWP student email account.** Emails should be professionally formatted and include a subject, correct spelling and grammar, and a reference to course material and/or textbook pages, etc. Emails that do not adhere to this format may not be responded to.
- **Recording: Photographing and/or recording course content is strictly prohibited** unless advance permission is obtained from the instructor and any guest presenter(s). In the event permission is granted, such recordings may only be used for individual study, and may not be reproduced, transferred, distributed or displayed in any public manner.

STATEMENT ON ACADEMIC MISCONDUCT:

Academic Misconduct will not be tolerated. For a more precise definition of academic misconduct and its consequences, refer to the Student Rights and Responsibilities policy available at <https://www.nwpolytech.ca/about/administration/policies/index.html>

**Note: all Academic and Administrative policies are available on the same page.

ASSIGNMENTS, QUIZZES AND EXAMS:

Students are expected to finish all assignments and quizzes. Due dates of all assignments and quizzes are available on Connect. **Late/missed assignments and quizzes are NOT accepted and will result in a grade of zero.** All exams will be written as scheduled. **No rewrite/rescheduled exams will be given,** and **all missed exams will result in a grade of zero** unless there is an excusable absence and prior arrangements have been made with the instructor. If there is a legitimate reason of absence, the weighting of the missed midterm exam will be added to the final exam weighting.

- Course materials (course outline, lecture notes, connect instructions, etc.) are available on your D2L course space (<https://myclass.gprc.ab.ca/d2l/home>).
- Smart Book (SB) modules, assignments, and quizzes are available on **Connect**.

Smart Book (SB) Modules

- Each chapter covered will have an associated Smart Book Module for the student to complete.
- These lessons are interactive and are intended for the student to use as a study tool. There are no marks associated with the SB Modules.

Assignments

- There will be 12 assignments dispersed throughout the semester. The best 10/12 will account for 10% of your final grade. Each assignment will be worth 1% of the student's final grade, regardless of the length of the assignment.
- The student will be given a maximum of two attempts for each assignment.
- The assignments will be marked immediately. Corrections for the attempted assignment will be made available to the students immediately.
- All assignments must be completed before the expiration of the pre-set due date or the student will receive a mark of zero for any missed assignments.

Quizzes

- There will be 12 quizzes dispersed throughout the semester. The best 10/12 will account for 20% of your final grade.
- Each quiz consists of 20 multiple choice questions that are randomly selected from the question bank.
- The student will be given a maximum of two attempts for each quiz.

- The quizzes will be marked immediately. Corrections for the attempted quiz will be made available to the students after the due date.
- All quizzes must be completed before the expiration of the pre-set due date or the student will receive a mark of zero for any missed quizzes.
- Once you start the quiz, you must complete the entire quiz within the one-hour time limit. Logging off or losing the internet connection during the quiz will result in a grade based only on the proportion of the quiz that has been completed. It is imperative that the student has a reliable internet connection when attempting the quiz.

Exams

- The midterm exam will be written upon the completion of Chapter 6 and is tentatively scheduled for ***Wednesday, February 26***.
- The final exam is cumulative and will be scheduled by the registrar's office during the April exam period.
- All exams will be written as scheduled. No rewrite/rescheduled exams will be given.