

BA 1510  
ECONOMICS  
Fall 1999

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

The nature of economic problems and systems is examined in relationship to: functions of money, commercial and central banking, national income analysis, monetary and fiscal policy, pricing under competitive and monopolistic conditions; selected topics in analysis and policy. Current economic problems will be discussed throughout the course.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

This course is designed to introduce the core principles of microeconomics and macroeconomics, and to acquaint the student with current policy issues.

TRANSFERABILITY

Certain professional organizations (e.g. CGA), colleges and universities accept this course for credit. Please check with the relevant organization or institution.

INSTRUCTIONAL APPROACH

For each topic listed on the attached class schedule, there will be an assigned reading and related classroom lecture/discussion. The weekly lab sessions will be devoted to workbook problems and group assignments.

Regular classroom attendance is expected. You should study each assigned reading both before and after it is discussed in class; apply your understanding by completing the questions in the Study Guide (see below); ask questions in class (especially if you are confused about any aspect of the subject being covered), and request additional sessions with your instructor during his posted office hours to clear up any misunderstandings or uncertainties about material covered in class.

## REQUIRED TEXTS

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Brian Lyons, Canadian Microeconomics: Problems and Policies, Fifth Edition. Prentice Hall, 1998.

\_\_\_\_\_, Canadian Macroeconomics: Problems and Policies, Fifth Edition. Prentice Hall, 1998.

Kennedy, D.B., J.W. Mackintosh and J.A. Rink, Study Guide: Canadian Economics: Problems and Policies, Fifth Edition. Prentice Hall, 1999.

Each of the above texts will be used extensively in the course.

## GRADES

The distribution of course credit will be as follows:

Attendance	5 %
Quizzes	10 %
Lab Assignments	30 %
Midterm Exam	20 %
Final Exam	35 %

Grades and their percentage equivalents are as follows:

<u>GRADE</u>	<u>PERCENTAGE</u>
9	> 89
8	80 - 89
7	72 - 79
6	65 - 71
5	57 - 64
4	50 - 56
3	45 - 49
2	26 - 44
1	0 - 25

## QUIZZES

A total of ten quizzes will be given during lab sessions. Each quiz will consist of either multiple-choice problems or sentence-completion items. There will be no make-up quizzes.

## LAB ASSIGNMENTS

Lab assignments will include completion of problems in the Study Guide, and several group projects and activities.

## EXAMS

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The midterm exam and the final exam will each consist of multiple-choice questions, short essays and computational problems. A student who misses an exam without notifying the instructor or the Registrar's Office before the 48-hour deadline expires will receive a grade of zero for that exam.

## RETENTION OF STUDENT RECORDS

Class records, including exams, relating to this course will be maintained for six months after the last day of classes for the course. These records will then be destroyed in a secure manner.

## ACADEMIC CONDUCT

Please review pp. 25-29 of the College Calendar for information on the conduct expected of all students in this class.

TENTATIVE CLASS SCHEDULEFall, 1999

<u>Date</u>	<u>Subject</u>
Sep. 9	Introduction
Sep. 14, 16	Defining Economics/Canada's Economy
Sep. 21, 23	Demand/Supply
Sep. 28, 30	Market Structure
Oct. 5, 7	Government Policy Toward Business
Oct. 12, 14	MIDTERM EXAM/REVIEW
Oct. 19, 21	The Role of Ideology/Agriculture
Oct. 26, 28	Measuring Economic Performance
Nov. 2, 4	Supply Side/Demand Side Factors
Nov. 9	Money
Nov. 16, 18	Macroeconomic Policy
Nov. 23, 25	International Trade
Nov. 30, Dec. 2	The Canadian Dollar
Dec. 7, 9	Globalization
	FINAL EXAM

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READING ASSIGNMENTS

DATE	TOPIC	ASSIGNMENT
Sep. 9	Introduction	
Sep. 14	Defining Economics	<u>Microeconomics</u> , pp. 1 - 18
Sep. 16	Canada's Economy	_____, pp. 19 - 62
Sep. 21	Demand	_____, pp. 63 - 84
Sep. 23	Supply	_____, pp. 85 - 103
Sep. 28	Market Structure	_____, pp. 104-151
Sep. 30	Market Structure (contd.)	_____, pp. 152-184
Oct. 5	Government Policy Toward Business	_____, pp. 185-204
Oct. 19	The Role of Ideology	_____, pp. 277-288
Oct. 21	Agriculture	_____, pp. 309-330
Oct. 26	Measuring Economic Performance	<u>Macroeconomics</u> , pp. 24 - 50
Nov. 2	Supply Side Factors	_____, pp. 51 - 75
Nov. 4	Demand Side Factors	_____, pp. 76 - 110
Nov. 9	Money	_____, pp. 111-133
Nov. 16	Macroeconomic Policy	_____, pp. 134-163
Nov. 18	Macroeconomic Policy (contd.)	_____, pp. 164-211
Nov. 23	International Trade	_____, pp. 212-238
Nov. 25	International Trade (contd.)	_____, pp. 239-270
Nov. 30	The Canadian Dollar	_____, pp. 271-295
Dec. 2	The Canadian Dollar (contd.)	
Dec. 7	Globalization	_____, pp. 342-351
Dec. 9	Globalization (contd.)	