

McMASTER UNIVERSITY
Department of Economics
Econ 2D03 - Economic Issues
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Lecture: Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, 9:30 - 10:20, ABB 102

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Course Description:

This course is a study in modern economic issues. We will apply basic economic principles to answer questions that could be asked issues facing both Canadian society and the international community. Students will study models related to free trade, environmental pollutants and fiscal policy and their application to current problems. Studies will include education, discrimination, housing, health care, social security, poverty, international trade, unemployment and inflation - among others.

Course Text/Readings:

Economics Issues and Policy, Sixth Edition 2015, by Jacqueline Murray Brux (South-Western College Publication), ISBN-13: 978-1285448770.

Organization of the Course (Topics)

Chapter	Topics
1	Introduction
3	The Environment
4	Education
5	Discrimination
7	Housing
8	Health Care
9	Social Security
10	World Poverty
12	International Trade
14	Unemployment and Inflation
15	Government Macroeconomic Policy

Course Overview and Assessment:

There are three formal requirements for the course: Two midterm test (Each 20% of the grade), and a final test (60% of the grade). The methods of evaluation may include true/false/explain questions, multiple choice questions, and analytical problems. The dates for the first midterm is October 3, the second midterm is October November 7 and cannot be amended. Coverage of the midterms will depend on the pace of the

class to that point in the term. The final will be scheduled by the Registrar's Office in the final examination period and will cover material from the whole course. MSAF policies apply. If an evaluation is missed with a valid reason, other assessments will be reweighted to determine the final grade.

Important Note

There may be small changes to the reading list, which will be announced as the course progresses. I may provide additional material during class. This course uses Avenue to post the course outline, assignments, and other notices. You should check it regularly.

Additional Statements

MSAF Policy

The course will follow University Policy on absences including MSAF Policy as available at:
<https://socialsciences.mcmaster.ca/documents/forms/MSAF%20INFO%20SHEET-1.pdf>.

Academic Dishonesty

You are expected to exhibit honesty and use ethical behaviour in all aspects of the learning process. Academic credentials you earn are rooted in principles of honesty and academic integrity. Academic dishonesty is to knowingly act or fail to act in a way that results or could result in unearned academic credit or advantage. This behaviour can result in serious consequences, e.g. the grade of zero on an assignment, loss of credit with a notation on the transcript (notation reads: "Grade of F assigned for academic dishonesty"), and/or suspension or expulsion from the university. It is your responsibility to understand what constitutes academic dishonesty. For information on the various types of academic dishonesty please refer to the Academic Integrity Policy, located at
<http://www.mcmaster.ca/academicintegrity>

The following illustrates only three forms of academic dishonesty:

- Plagiarism, e.g. the submission of work that is not one's own or for which other credit has been obtained.
- Improper collaboration in group work.
- Copying or using unauthorized aids in tests and examinations.

Academic Accommodation of Students with Disabilities

Students who require academic accommodation must contact Student Accessibility Services (SAS) to make arrangements with a Program Coordinator. Academic accommodations must be arranged for each term of study. Student Accessibility Services can be contacted by phone 905-525-9140, ext. 2865 or email sas@mcmaster.ca. For further information, consult McMaster University's Policy for Academic Accommodation of Students with Disabilities.

Possible Course Modifications At certain points in the course it may make good sense to modify the outlined schedule. The instructor reserves the right to modify elements of the course and will notify students accordingly (in class and on the course website).

On Line Elements

Avenue will be used for course announcements, files that you can download, and your grades. In addition, we will use e-mail. Students should be aware that, when they access the electronic components of this course, private information such as first and last names, user names for the McMaster e-mail accounts, and program affiliation may become apparent to all other students in the same course. The available information is dependent on the technology used. Continuation in this course will be deemed consent to this disclosure. If you have any questions or concerns about such disclosure please discuss this with the course instructor.