Department of Economics  
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ECON 1BB3–C02 and C03: Introduction to Macroeconomics

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Lectures:
• Section C02: Tu, Th 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM, KTH B124
• Section C03: Tu, Th 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM, KTH B124

Office Hours: By appointment

Teaching Assistant: TBA

Course Website: Avenue to Learn: http://avenue.mcmaster.ca/

Course Objectives:
The purpose of the course is to introduce the basic analytical principles and methods of economics with emphasis on macroeconomic theory. Topics include market forces of supply and demand, basic models of national income determination, economic growth, international trade, savings and investment, unemployment, inflation, money and banking system, short term economic fluctuations, fiscal and monetary policy, and some basic concepts of open economy macroeconomics.

Course Materials:

• Principles of Macroeconomics, 7th Canadian ed., Mankiw, Kneebone, and McKenzie (available in the bookstore).
• Aplia Website. Registration information is on the last page of this outline.

Evaluation:

1. Aplia Homework Assignments (Best 7 out of 10) 15%
2. Test 1 20%
3. Test 2 25%
4. Final Exam* 40%

*You must pass the final exam to pass the course.
Tests/ Final Exams:

- Tests and final exam questions will typically be multiple choices, but will need critical analysis of economic issues, using economic theory, as we will discuss during class lectures. Students are encouraged to attend ALL classes, but not required. If you miss class, you are still responsible for the material covered and should get class notes from a fellow student.

- Both tests will be 75 minutes long and will be held on Tuesday, July 03 and Thursday, July 19 from 6:00 to 7:15 pm. The final exam will be 2 hours in length and will be held on Thursday, August 02 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. Exams location will be announced later.

Homework Assignments:

- Homework assignments covering material from some chapters of the book will be made available through the Aplia website and will be due on dates announced in class and on the course website. The web-based software will allow you to work on and submit your answers online and receive immediate feedback. The answers will be automatically graded.

- Some practice problems covering each chapter will also be available through the Aplia website, but no grades will be assigned for this.

- The purpose of the assignments and practice is to help you learn the material well and prepare for the tests. It is fine that you work together with your classmates on the assignments and practice problems, but I strongly encourage each of you to submit your answers individually for grading and achieve the maximum benefit of completing an assignment.

Missing Assignments and/or Tests:

- Best 7 out of 10 assignments will be considered and they must be completed by the due date. There will be no makeup assignments. If you miss one assignment, best 7 out of 9 assignments will be counted.

- If you miss a test you will get a grade of zero unless you complete and submit a McMaster Student Absence Form (MSAF) which can be found at https://www.mcmaster.ca/msaf/

- With approved MASF, weight of the missed test will be shifted towards final exam.

Use of Calculators:

Only the Casio FX-991 series calculator may be used for tests and the exam (available in the bookstore).

Photo ID:

You will be required to show your university photo ID at all tests and the exam.

Course Outline:

Introduction

Chapter 1: Ten Principles of Economics
Chapter 2: Thinking like an Economist Appendix Graphing: A Brief Review
Chapter 3: Interdependence and the Gains from Trade
Supply and Demand: How Markets Work

Chapter 4: The Market Forces of Supply and Demand

Fundamentals of Macroeconomics

Chapter 5: Measuring a Nation’s Income
Chapter 6: Measuring the Cost of Living
Chapter 7: Production and Growth
Chapter 8: Savings, Investment, and The financial System
Chapter 9: Unemployment and Its Natural Rate
Chapter 14: Aggregate Demand and Aggregate Supply

Money, Prices, and Government Policy

Chapter 10: The Monetary System
Chapter 11: Money Growth and Inflation
Chapter 15: The Influence of Monetary and Fiscal Policy on Aggregate Demand

Open Economy Macroeconomics

Chapter 12: Open Economy Macroeconomics: Basic Concepts

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Note: The instructor reserves the right to modify elements of the course and will notify students accordingly (in class and post any changes to Avenue to Learn).
How to access your Aplia course

Introductory Macroeconomics, Summer 2018

Instructor: Md Shahed Khan
Start Date: 06/18/2018

Course Key: V9ZB-4YLU-E7MY

Registration

1. Connect to http://login.nelsonbrain.com/course/V9ZB-4YLU-E7MY
2. Follow the prompts to register for your Aplia course.

Payment

After registering for your course, you will need to pay for access using one of the options below:

Online: You can pay online using a credit or debit card, or PayPal.

Bookstore: You may be able to purchase access to Aplia at your bookstore. Check with the bookstore to find out what they offer for your course.

Temporary Access: If you are unable to pay at the start of the semester your course enrollment includes a free trial period of up to two weeks. After the temporary access period ends you will be required to pay for access.

Please note: At the end of the temporary access period, your course access will be suspended until your payment has been made. All your scores and course activity will be saved and will be available to you after you pay for access.

If you already entered an access code or bought Aplia in your bookstore or online, simply login through the provided link to register for the course.

System Check

To check whether your computer meets the requirements for using Aplia, go to https://www.aplia.com/support/sysreq.jsp