

**Dalhousie University**  
**Halifax, NS**  
**Department of Economics**  
**Economics 2201-01**  
**Intermediate Macroeconomics, Section 1**  
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**Course Outline**

**Session:** June 4 – June 25, 2020  
**Classroom:** Dunn 135  
**Class Time:** WEB  
**Course Website:** [Brightspace](#) and [OneNote](#)

**TA:** Francisko and Katherine

**Course Description**

This course provides further insights into standard macroeconomic theories and associated applications. It provides a foundation upon which we can analyse past and current macroeconomic issues, and apply macroeconomic theories to real world events. First, we acquaint ourselves with some key economic principles that appear throughout the course. We then use these principles to study macroeconomic issues such as economic growth and living standards, inflation, recessions, fiscal and monetary policies, exchange rates, and unemployment. We take various approaches to the study of macroeconomics and explore a range of models showcasing the wide range of ways of thinking about macroeconomics. We will also emphasize the idea that macroeconomics is an empirical science, and present empirical evaluations of theories. To this end, we would link the theories discussed to current macroeconomic events in the news.

**Course Requirements**

The prerequisite for this course is Principles of Macroeconomics, Econ 1102, or an equivalent with a grade of at least C. Knowledge of basic algebra is also required.

**Course Objectives**

Ultimately, by the end of the semester, the student should understand the most widely used macroeconomic models. The student should also have the ability analyze macroeconomic issues using the most appropriate model, or models, for the context.

**The required textbook for the course is:**

Macroeconomics: 5th Canadian Edition, by N. Gregory Mankiw and William Scarth, New York: Worth Publishers, 2014.

(any edition will do)

**Assessment**

Your grade will be determined by the following:

**Online Quizzes** (best 10/12. 5% each) 50%

**Case studies:** voluntary. No grade assigned.

**Final exam:** (25 June) 50%

## Online quizzes, cases, and final

**Online quizzes will take place every time a new Module is presented** (see schedule). Students will have a set time to complete each quiz. Students have 24 hours to complete the quiz (window to do the quiz in).

There are no makeup quizzes, if you don't do it, you get zero. I take the best 10 out of 12 quizzes. Quizzes are multiple choices, numerical and short answer questions.

## No midterm

**Case study:** throughout the term, students will be given the chance to study cases. These cases do not count, but we will mark and grade them if you wish. Student should take the weekends to work in these. They are intended to add to your understanding and challenge you. While voluntary, they do have set due dates:

**Case 1:** 15 June by midnight

**Case 2:** 22 June by midnight

Due to time constraint, if you do not submit case studies by the due date, you may not receive feed back. Why should you do it? The final has a case study. **This is EXCELLENT practice.** We will provide how the case should be answered as well as guidelines to answer.

**The final is to take place June 25 (Thursday).** Student will be given 2h00min to complete the exam. Student will be given a window in which they can choose to take the midterm, between **8am-9pm Atlantic time.** (Meaning you will need to begin your exam by noon to make sure you have the full allotted time.) **\*the window may be altered but will be restrained to the 25<sup>th</sup>.**

The final will be a mix of multiple choices and numerical questions and a case study (worth 50% of the final). Students will be expected to submit, in addition to answering the multiple choices on brightspace, their work using a dropbox.

Heavy use of **ONENOTE** will take place – students are responsible for gaining access to the onenote page through brightspace – they should contact the IT department first if issues arise.

Numerical grades will be converted to letter grades following the Faculty of Science Scale as follows:

A+ (90-100)	B+ (77-79)	C+ (65-69)	D (50-54)
A (85-89)	B (73-76)	C (60-64)	F (<50)
A- (80-84)	B- (70-72)	C- (55-59)	

## Missed Exam Policy

Travel arrangements must not be made that will conflict with the final examination period (i.e. 25 June).

If it is determined that a student has a valid excuse for missing a final examination – **the makeup final exam will take place on June 29 at 9am-11am – no exceptions.**

**Topics Covered**

The schedule is set. It wont change.

**See attached document**