SYLLABUS
ECON 1102 01
Principles of Macroeconomics
Department of Economics
10921 Fall 2026

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We recognize that African Nova Scotians are a distinct people whose histories, legacies, and contributions have enriched the part of Mi'kma'ki known as Nova Scotia for over 400 years.

Course Instructor

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Course Description

Why are some countries rich and others poor? If high oil prices cause the loonie to rise, how are Ontario manufacturers affected? Why were mortgage interest rates above 20% in 1981 but below 5% in 2013? Macroeconomic analysis, which considers the behaviour of the entire economy, can answer questions like these. Course Prerequisites: None

Student Resources

Weekly tutorials are available…as described later in this syllabus. Office hours are available Wednesdays from 4 to 5pm or by arrangement…please provide advance notice.

Department of Economics, Room A13, 6220 University Ave.

Course Structure

Course Delivery

- This course will be delivered in-person, on-campus, supplemented by videos posted on Brightspace if needed.

Lectures

14:35 - 15:55 Wed/Fri KENNETH C ROWE MANAGEMENT Rm 1009

Attendance is mandatory and will be recorded.

Tutorials

Tutorials are available each week…and attendance is mandatory and recorded. They are scheduled for Mondays 14:25 to 15:25 in LSC Common Area C338. Tutorials provide students with an opportunity to answer questions concerning course content and to learn about difficulties other students may be experiencing. It is a good idea to prepare specific questions or request specific definitions/calculations in order to optimize benefit.

If students get at least 80% in midterm, they are required to attend only 4 tutorials to receive the full tutorial mark. If students get less than 80%, they are required to attend at least 6 tutorials to receive the full mark.

If students can demonstrate direct academic conflict with the timing of the tutorials, they may be granted an exemption from attendance.

Course Materials

Required book: Macroeconomics, 18th edition; Pearson Canada 2026; Christopher T.S. Ragan

IMPORTANT NOTICE MyEconLab

The publishers of the required textbook provide a proprietary learning platform designed to support and test student's understanding of course material. MyLab Economics is an online homework, tutorial, and assessment program which is used for regular quizzes and tests which count towards the final grade. Students are required to purchase access to this program.

You must purchase MyLab in order to complete your assignments online. If you purchase an access code in the bookstore, you must go to https://bookstore.dal.ca/textbooks/redeem-access-codes to redeem your bookstore code for a Pearson code.

Purchase details for the text and MyLab are available at
https://bookstore.dal.ca/CourseSearch/?course[]=SUB,202710,ECON,ECON1102,01

Course Prerequisites None

Learning Objectives

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- define and understand the key macroeconomic variables.
- compare how GDP is measured from the expenditure side and from the income side.
- understand how equilibrium national income is determined, and how it can change.
- analyze how fiscal policy can be used to influence the level of national income.
- examine how aggregate demand or aggregate supply shocks affect equilibrium real GDP and prices.
- explain why output gradually returns to potential following a demand or supply shock. - evaluate the determinants of economic growth.
- describe the functions of money.
- determine how monetary policy affects the economy in the short run and the long run.
- identify how the Bank of Canada conducts monetary policy.

Assessment

Exams:

- Midterm 40%
- Final 30%

Quizzes 15%

Tutorials 10%

Course participation 5%

Conversion of numerical grades to final letter grades follows the **undergraduate*** Dalhousie Grade Scale

A+ (90-100)	B+ (77-79)	C+ (65-69)	D (50-54)
A (85-89)	B (73-76)	C (60-64)	F (0-49)
A- (80-84)	B- (70-72)	C- (55-59)	

Exams:

There will be one midterm (in-class) and one cumulative final exam (in person…date and time determined by Registrar).

The midterm will contain a selection of multiple-choice questions and a choice of short answer (SA) questions. You will have 1 hour to complete the midterm.

Midterm date: **OCTOBER 23rd** If the midterm cannot be held due to a campus closure, it will be rescheduled to the following class.

The final exam will contain multiple choice questions and a choice of short answer (SA) questions. You will have 2 hours to complete the final exam. The final exam will be scheduled by the Registrar's Office during the final exam period. Do not make travel arrangements during this period.

If you do better on the final exam than on the midterm, the weight of the midterm will be added to the final exam.

There is no possibility to write a make-up exam for the final if you have already taken the regular final exam.

Tests/quizzes

Weekly quizzes will be assigned through the MyLab platform. For this reason, it is mandatory to purchase the textbook package.

Students are responsible for all relevant sections of the text—whether discussed in class or not. The weekly on-line quizzes will be subject to deadlines. To encourage student review, the same quiz can be attempted a second time within the deadline—but the score will be determined based on the latest/last attempt. Since extenuating circumstances may occasionally prevent students from completing all quizzes on time, the score on the lowest quiz will be excluded

Course Policies on Missed or Late Academic Requirements

Missed midterm exams: If you miss the midterm, the weight of the missed midterm will be added to the final exam.

Missed Final Exam: If you miss the final exam **FOR A VALID REASON**, as defined in **SECTION 16.8** of the University Calendar, you will receive an INC or ILL until you take the make-up exam.

Course Policies related to Academic Integrity & Artificial Intelligence

- **Use of Generative AI (Copilot Chat):** According to Dalhousie and Nova Scotia privacy laws, instructors are not permitted to require students to use generative AI other than Microsoft 365 Copilot Chat, which is a free AI-powered tool included with all Dalhousie accounts. The following table outlines for which purposes and tasks you are required, allowed, and prohibited to use generative AI (Copilot Chat) in this course. If generative AI is used in cases where it is not permitted, it will be considered an academic integrity offence, and you will be subject to appropriate disciplinary and/or corrective measures.

Course Accessibility

- You are eligible for accommodations based on protected characteristics such as religion. If you have religious, cultural, or community-significant observances that conflict with course requirements, reach out to me to collaboratively find alternatives for completing the course requirements.
- To begin the process of requesting a formal academic accommodation, contact the Student Accessibility Centre

Course Content

Weekly Schedule

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Week	Dates (MONDAY DATE)	Chapters
1	7 September (**FIRST DAY OF CLASSES SEP 9TH**)	1 2 & 4
2	14 September	5
3	21 September	6
4	28 Sep Wed Sep 30 National Day of Truth and Reconciliation, University closed	7 & Appendix
5	5 October	8
6	12 October	9 &10
7	19 October	**OCTOBER 21 MID-TERM REVIEW** **OCTOBER 23TH Mid-term** (on chapters 1-10 inclusive) IN-CLASS 1 HOUR
8	2 November	11
	9 November	**FALL BREAK NO CLASSES**
9	16 November	11 12
10	23 November	13
11	20 November	14

12	30 November	16
13	December 7	**DECEMBER 9TH FINAL REVIEW (LAST DAY OF CLASSES)**

FINAL EXAM (date and time to be set by Registrar's Office)

Do not make travel arrangements during this period.

FINAL EXAM PERIOD: Friday, December 11 to Sunday, December 20

Syllabus Appendix

Syllabus Appendix: Student Supports & University Statements, Policies, and Guidelines