

# Faculty of Science Course Syllabus

## Department of *ECONOMICS*

*ECON 2201 (CRN:30970)*

*Intermediate Macroeconomics*

Summer 2025-26

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**Lectures:** online - Asynchronous

**Tutorials:**      *voluntary (not mandatory)*

**Office Hours:** M/W 8-9 am via teams. (or by appointments)

**Course Website:** [Brightspace](#) and [OneNote](#)

### 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 Prerequisites

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.

### Learning Objectives

An extension of macroeconomic theory of income, unemployment, the exchange rate, inflation and financial markets that satisfies the minimum macroeconomic theory requirement for majors in economics. Serves as the macroeconomic prerequisite for higher-level courses in economics.

### Course Materials

- **The required textbook for the course is:** Macroeconomics: 6th Canadian Edition, by N. Gregory Mankiw and William Scarth, New York: Worth Publishers, 2014. (any edition will do) – an etext is available from the bookstore
- *Course Brightspace page*
- *Course ONENOTE PAGE (access through Brightspace)*

### Course Assessment

<u>Assessment</u>	<u>Weight (% of final grade)</u>		<u>Date</u>
Cases (3)	30%	(10% each)	see outline for dates*
Assignments (8)	20%	(2.5% each)	one per module
<b>In-person</b> final	50%	<b>June 24<sup>th</sup> (6pm ROWE 1011) or aug 26<sup>th</sup> (6pm) –TBD</b>	

\*Dates could change.

### Conversion of numerical grades to Final Letter Grades follows the Dalhousie Common Grade Scale

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)

### Course Policies on Missed or Late Academic Requirements

- No makeup cases (grade of zero will be attributed)
- No makeup assignments (grade of zero will be attributed)
- pass the final to pass the class
- If you have a problem that does not allow you to complete the work on time, email mail to find if a solution is possible.
- Weight switching may be allowed for serious reasons only.

### Course Policies related to Academic Integrity

- I will report you if you are using outside help.
- Students can work together but must submit their own assignments and cases.

### Course overview

The course is an asynchronous class. The material is presented via modules.

- These modules represent approximately 6 hours of class material each.
  - Modules are divided into topics, with there appropriates assignments and due dates
  - modules will become available each week.
  - Assignments for each module are due at the end of the week.

- Each module has an attached case and/or assignment to it, these must be submitted via Brightspace. Pen and paper assignments are to be submitted (take a photo and upload it)
- The Assignments and cases have for goal to provide students with adequate practice to be ready for the final exam.
- Due dates for assignments and cases, are posted below and labeled in Brightspace

#### Schedule

Date/week	Description	Readings	case	Assignments (due)
Week 1 (may 11)	Introduction Supply and demand output	Ch.1,2		1 (due: may 17 <sup>th</sup> )
	GDP, inflation and unemployment	Ch. 2		2 (due: may 17 <sup>th</sup> )
Week 2 (may 18)	closed econ firm, production, investors, household and government	Ch.3		3 (due: may 24 <sup>th</sup> )
	Fiscal policy, unemployment, money	Ch.3, 4,7	Case 1 (LR- Closed) - (due: may 24 <sup>th</sup> )	
Week 3 (may 25)	Small open economy, policy, classical dychotomy	Ch. 5,6		4 (due: may 31 <sup>th</sup> )
	Keynesian cross, fiscal policy, investment saving curve (IS)	Ch. 10,11		5 (due: may 31 <sup>th</sup> )
Week 4 (June 1)	Liquidity of Money curve (LM), IS/LM	Ch. 11		6 (due: june 7 <sup>th</sup> )
Week 5 (June 8)	Aggregate demand (AD), Aggregate supply (AS)	Ch. 10,11,12	Case 2 (IS-LM) - (due: June 14 <sup>th</sup> )	
	Long run and short run. Extra – AS	Ch. 12 14		8 (due: June 14 <sup>th</sup> )
Week 6 (June 15)	Mundell-flemming model, policy	Ch.13	Case 3 (AD-AS) – due: june 21)	9 (due : June 21)
24 June evening or 16 aug evening	final	In class – cumulative		