



Course Outline

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School of Business Program: BBA	Econ 5200 Intermediate Macroeconomics
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Start Date:	September/07	End Date:	December/07		
Total Hours: 60	Total Weeks: 15	Term/Level: 3	Course Credits: 3		
Hours/Week: 4	Lecture: 2	Lab: 2	Shop:	Seminar:	Other:
Prerequisites		Econ 2200 or equivalent			
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v Course Description

Econ 5200 is an introduction to modern macroeconomic theory. The modern approach to macro draws heavily on microeconomic foundations. As such, we interpret macroeconomic phenomena as an aggregation of purposeful individual decision making. Thus, many of the most important issues in macroeconomics can be cast in terms of indifference curves and budget sets - the tools of microeconomic theory. Students are expected to use these tools to understand, interpret, and predict the macroeconomic consequences of changes in the economic landscape. We pay particular attention to changes in the physical environment (e.g., technology) as well as changes in government policy (e.g., fiscal and monetary). Such tools require an understanding of both basic algebra and analytic geometry.

v Evaluation

Midterm Exam I: 25%
Midterm Exam II: 25%
Final Exam: 40%
Lab: 10%

v Text:

The primary text is *Macroeconomics*, 2nd Canadian Edition, by Stephen Williamson (SW). Also available is an online text enrichment site (www.pearsoned.ca/highered/divisions/text/williamson/) which contains an Image Bank, Data Sets, and (hopefully) a PDF file of the 1st U.S. edition of the study guide. Note: the Canadian and 1st U.S. edition of the textbook are virtually identical (except for the data), so the study guide provides access to good sample questions which should be helpful for exam preparation.

The secondary text is *Macroeconomic Theory and Policy*, August 2006, by David Andolfatto (DA). The text is a preliminary draft and is currently free of charge. You can find it at www.sfu.ca/~dandolfa/macro2006.pdf. We will use this book from time to time, mostly in the early going.

It is also recommended you consult other principles of economics textbooks (micro and macro) where needed. You can find these texts in the BCIT library.

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v **Lab Work**

Labs are primarily devoted to discussing problem sets. On occasion, however, lab time will be devoted to covering new material.

v **Information for Students**

Assignments: Late assignments, lab reports or projects will **not** be accepted for marking. Assignments must be done on an individual basis unless otherwise specified by the instructor.

Makeup Tests, Exams or Quizzes: There will be **no** makeup tests, exams or quizzes. If you miss a test, exam or quiz, you will receive zero marks. Exceptions may be made for **documented** medical reasons or extenuating circumstances. In such a case, it is the responsibility of the student to inform the instructor **immediately**.

Ethics: BCIT assumes that all students attending the Institute will follow a high standard of ethics. Incidents of cheating or plagiarism may, therefore, result in a grade of zero for the assignment, quiz, test, exam, or project for all parties involved and/or expulsion from the course.

Attendance: The attendance policy as outlined in the current BCIT Calendar will be enforced. Attendance will be taken at the beginning of each session. Students not present at that time will be recorded as absent.

Illness: A doctor's note is required for any illness causing you to miss assignments, quizzes, tests, projects, or exam. At the discretion of the instructor, you may complete the work missed or have the work prorated.

Attempts: Students must successfully complete a course within a maximum of three attempts at the course. Students with two attempts in a single course will be allowed to repeat the course only upon special written permission from the Associate Dean. Students who have not successfully completed a course within three attempts will not be eligible to graduate from the appropriate program.

Course Outline Changes: The material or schedule specified in this course outline may be changed by the instructor. If changes are required, they will be announced in class.

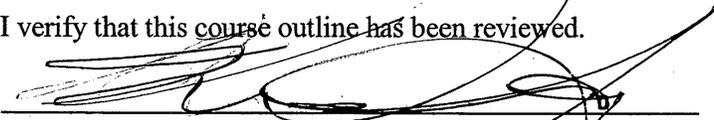


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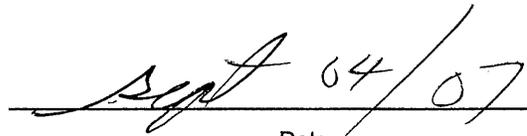
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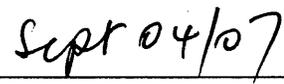


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Christopher Jaques, Associate Dean



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Business Administration & Operations Management

Tentative Schedule

Topic	Readings
Methodology and Modeling:	SW: Ch 1 Lucas article
Measurement I: GDP and the Price Level	SW: Ch 2 DA: Ch 1
Measurement II: Business Cycle Measurement	SW: Ch 3
Basic Neoclassical Theory I: Utility theory, budget constraints, the work-leisure model	SW: Ch 4 DA: Ch 2
Basic Neoclassical Theory II: General equilibrium and fiscal policy	SW: Ch 5 DA: Ch 3
Consumption and Savings: Dynamic general equilibrium model in a large closed (small open) economy, real interest rate determination, Ricardian equivalence theorem, government spending and finance	SW: Ch 8 DA: Ch 4,5
Capital and Investment: Dynamic general equilibrium model with investment, small open economy interpretation	SW: Ch 9
Monetary Policy and Business Cycles: Quantity theory of money, Fisher equation, inflation	SW: Ch 10,12 Mankiw article
Unemployment: Labor market flows, search theory, government policy	SW: Ch 16 DA: Ch 7
International Monetary Systems: Exchange rate determination, Currency unions, dollarization	SW: Ch 13 DA: Ch 11

*Instructor reserves the right to change this schedule at any time.