

York University
Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies
Department of Economics

AP/ECON 2400 3.0 N – Intermediate Macroeconomic Theory I
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Course: AP/ECON 2450 3.0 P –Intermediate Macroeconomic Theory II

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Office Hours

Wed, Thurs 2:30pm-3:30pm

Time and Location

Location: HNE 038
Time: Thursday 4-7 pm

Expanded Course Description

This course aims at equipping students with basic tools to use economic theory in analyzing important macroeconomic issues. We shall discuss topics such as measurement of macroeconomic data, production, employment and spending in macroeconomics, national savings, investment and net exports, interest rate and exchange rate behaviours in the long run, and economic growth.

Prerequisite / Co-requisite: Prerequisite: AP/ECON 1000 3.00, AP/ECON 1010 3.00, and AP/ECON 1530 3.00, or equivalents. Prerequisite or corequisite: AP/ECON 1540 3.00. Course credit exclusions: GL/ECON 3240 6.00 (prior to Fall 2014), SB/ECON 2000 3.00. Note: Acceptable course substitutes are available in the Calendar.

Course Text / Readings

Mankiw, Gregory N. and William Scarth, "Macroeconomics" 6th Canadian edition.

We shall cover Ch. 1-3, 6, 8-9. We might also cover some materials not in the textbook and in more (or less) detail than in the textbook. Students can download the presentation slides from the course website. The presentation slides are NOT meant to be self-sufficient, but should be considered an aid to facilitate the lectures.

Evaluation

Group Assignment (Details given in syllabus on Moodle)	15%
Midterm Exam (tentatively Feb 13 (Thursday) 4-6pm, Location TBA)	35%
Final Exam (cumulative) (Examination Period)	50%

All exams are closed books and closed notes.

Grading and Missed Tests/Exams

Grading: The grading scheme for the course conforms to the 9-point grading system used in undergraduate programs at York (e.g., A+ = 9, A = 8, B+ = 7, C+ = 5, etc.). Assignments and tests will bear either a letter grade designation or a corresponding number grade (e.g. A+ = 90 to 100, A = 80 to 90, B+ = 75 to 79, etc.) (For a full description of York grading system see the York University Undergraduate Calendar - <http://calendars.registrar.yorku.ca/2014-2015/academic/index.htm>)

Missed Tests/Exams:

Students with a documented reason for missing a course test, such as illness, compassionate grounds, etc., which is confirmed by supporting documentation (e.g., doctor's letter) may request accommodation from the Course Instructor.

If you miss the midterm test with a valid documented excuse (see below for valid medical and non-medical circumstances), your marks will be re-allocated to the final exam (final counts as 85%). You need to submit documentation by the next lecture on Feb 27 to substantiate your excuse. Otherwise, you will receive a zero for the missed midterm test.

The final exam will be given at a date and location to be set by the Registrar's Office. The final exam is cumulative and includes all the materials covered in the course.

Students absent from the final examination and requesting for deferred standing must follow the Guidelines for Deferred Standing of the Department of Economics.

<https://econ.laps.yorku.ca/students/academic-policies-procedure/deferred-standing/>

The request for deferred standing will not be approved if the conditions listed on the Guidelines are not satisfied.

MEDICAL CIRCUMSTANCES:

Exams missed due to medical circumstances must be supported by an attending physician's statement or a statement by a psychologist. The physician's statement must include the following:

- i) Full name, mailing address, telephone number of the physician.
- ii) State the nature of the illness and its duration (i.e., specific dates covered).

The statement has to state that the physician has examined the student and found that the illness is serious enough to affect the student's ability to study and perform over the period in question. Conjectures from physician about the illness and its seriousness prior to the date of medical diagnosis will not be considered valid.

NON-MEDICAL CIRCUMSTANCES:

Exams missed due to non-medical circumstances must be supported by appropriate documentation, i.e., death certificates, obituary notice, automobile accident reports, airline/bus ticket receipt for **emergency travel** (with the date of booking on the ticket), etc. Airline/train/bus ticket/receipts for emergency travel must indicate destination, departure, and return dates. Having to work at the time of the exam or non-emergency travel **is not** considered valid excuse for missing the exam.

Further extensions or accommodation will require students to submit a formal petition to the Faculty.

IMPORTANT COURSE INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS

All students are expected to familiarize themselves with the following information, available on the Senate Committee on Academic Standards, Curriculum & Pedagogy webpage (see Reports, Initiatives, Documents) - <http://secretariat.info.yorku.ca/files/CourseInformationForStudentsAugust2012.pdf>

- Senate Policy on Academic Honesty and the Academic Integrity Website

- Ethics Review Process for research involving human participants
- Course requirement accommodation for students with disabilities, including physical, medical, systemic, learning and psychiatric disabilities
- Student Conduct Standards
- Religious Observance Accommodation