

Intermediate Macroeconomics Theory I
AP/ECON 2400 M – S2 2022
Location: Ross S137
Time: M W 11:30am-2:30pm

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Course webpage	eclass.yorku.ca
Lecture Hours	Monday and Wednesday 11:30am-2:30pm (In-person lectures).
Organization	Please note that this is an in-person course. All exams (midterm and final exam) will be in-person. There will be NO online alternatives. We will use eClass for posting course materials only (including presentation slides to facilitate online lectures, practice problem sets and solutions, case studies with solutions, practice exams and solutions, etc.). You should check posted materials on a regular basis.
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, aggregate production and spending in macroeconomics, national savings, investment and net exports, interest rate and exchange rate behaviours in the long run, and economic growth.
Prerequisites	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.
Textbook	Mankiw and Scarth, “Macroeconomics” 6 th Canadian edition
TA Office Hours	Tuesday and Thursday 12-3pm Your TA will hold office hours through ZOOM. The ZOOM link for the recurring meeting is posted on eClass.
Forum for Q&A	In addition to TA’s office hours, I will set up a forum in eClass for you to ask questions, and I will provide feedbacks and answers to your questions. Since this question-and-answer forum is visible to all students who enrol in the course, if a student has a question, other students could make comments. Make sure that your comments are polite and respectful. If I find any comments that use inappropriate language, I will not only delete the comments from the forum, but I might ban the student who makes such comments from the forum. If you have personal questions that you do not find comfortable to raise in the forum, you could send me an email instead.

Topics covered We shall cover Ch. 1 (introduction), 2 (macroeconomics variables and measurements), 3 (classical model of the LR closed economy), 6 (classical model of the LR small open economy), 8-9 (economic growth and the Solow growth model).

You should note that although I use the textbook as the basis for the topics we are discussing for the course, I will also cover some materials that are relevant for the understanding of the various topics but are not covered in the textbook. Roughly about 30% of the course materials will be my own materials (covered in the lectures) that provide you with a fuller understanding of the topics that correspond to the various chapters of the textbook readings. Therefore, in order to learn the course materials, it is imperative that you do not only read the textbook but also attend all the lectures and understand the materials there.

Presentation slides will be posted to facilitate the lectures. These presentation slides are NOT meant to be self-sufficient, but should be considered an aid to facilitate the online lectures. During the lectures, I will show you more detailed analyses with additional handwritten slides that are NOT included in the posted presentation slides.

Evaluation In-class Midterm Exam (July 18, 2022, Monday, 11:30am-1:30pm) 40%
In-person Final Exam (Final exam period, TBA, 3 hrs, cumulative) 60%

The midterm exam will take place in-person during class time. There will be NO online alternative. **There will be no make-up exam for the midterm.** If you miss the midterm exam for any reason, the weight will be transferred to the final. Each exam will consist of both multiple choice (MC) questions and problem-solving questions that require you to show your work.

Final course grades may be adjusted to conform to Program or Faculty grades distribution profiles.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS

All students are expected to familiarize themselves with the following information, available on the Senate Committee on Curriculum & Academic Standards webpage;

<https://secretariat-policies.info.yorku.ca/>

- York's Academic Honesty Policy and Procedures/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

Important Dates: <https://registrar.yorku.ca/enrol/dates/fw20>

Here are some useful links for student computing information, resources and help:

[Student Guide to eClass/Moodle](#), [Computing for Students Website](#), [Student Guide to eLearning at York University](#)

FAQs for eClass can be found here - <https://lthelp.yorku.ca/faq>

Academic honesty and integrity

In this course, we strive to maintain academic integrity to the highest extent possible. Please familiarize yourself with the meaning of academic integrity by completing SPARK's [Academic Integrity module](#) at the beginning of the course. Breaches of academic integrity range from cheating to plagiarism (i.e., the improper crediting of another's work, the representation of another's ideas as your own, etc.). All instances of academic dishonesty in this course will be reported to the appropriate university authorities, and can be punishable according to the [Senate Policy on Academic Honesty](#).