



University of Manitoba
Faculty of Arts
Department of Economics

COURSE DETAILS

Course Title & Number:	ECON 1210 - Introduction to Canadian Economic Issues and Policies
Number of Credit Hours:	3.0 Credit hours
Class Times & Days of Week:	Monday, Wednesday and Friday 10:30am-11:20am
Location for classes:	260 Helen Glass Centre

Instructor Contact Information

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Course Description

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A survey of some major principles underlying, and influences acting upon the Canadian economy and its regions. Students may not hold credit for ECON 1210 and any of: ECON 1211 or ECON 1010 or ECON 1011 or ECON 1020 or ECON 1021 or the former ECON 1200 or the former ECON 1201.

General Course Description

The general purpose of this course is to examine Canadian microeconomic issues and policies from a broad-based economic perspective. This course introduces the standard microeconomic tools, concepts and analysis, and contrasts them with competing schools of economic thought.

Course Goals

This course will introduce students to the social science of economics with a focus on microeconomics: the study of the economic behaviour of individual consumers, workers and organizations such as corporations and other businesses. This course aims to help students understand what the economy is, how economists approach understanding how the economy works, and how economists examine public policy issues. Students will learn and apply mainstream ("neoclassical") economic tools including supply and demand diagrams and models of firm (business) behaviour. We will explore some applications and limitations, as well as some critiques and alternatives. By the end of the course students will be able to

apply standard supply and demand and “theory of the firm” tools to predict market outcomes in the face of a change in market conditions, including though induced by government policy changes.

Textbook, Readings, and Course Materials

Required textbooks:

Hill, R. & Myatt, T. (2010) *The economics anti-textbook: A critical thinker’s guide to microeconomics*. Halifax, Canada: Fernwood.

Stanford, J. (2015). *Economics for everyone: A Short Guide to the economics of Capitalism* (2nd ed.). Ottawa: Pluto Press and the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives.

Textbooks are for sale at the University of Manitoba bookstore.

Supplementary readings:

Additional required readings will be available in electronic format via UM Learn. Log in at: <https://universityofmanitoba.desire2learn.com/>

For an introduction to UM Learn log in and select: Support > Help > Campus > Learners-Campus > Getting started

Using Copyrighted Material

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Course Technology

It is the general University of Manitoba policy that all technology resources are to be used in a responsible, efficient, ethical, and legal manner. The student can use all technology in a classroom setting only for educational purposes approved by the instructor and/or the University of Manitoba Disability Services. Students should not participate in personal direct electronic messaging / posting activities (e-mail, texting, video or voice chat, wikis, blogs, social networking (e.g. Facebook) online and offline “gaming” during scheduled class time. If a student is on call (emergency) the student should switch his/her cell phone on vibrate mode and leave the classroom before using it.

Expectations: I Expect You To

Students are expected to come to class, take notes, ask questions and participate in class the discussion. You will learn and retain more if you participate in the class discussion and activities. Please ask questions during class and feel free to ask during the lecture. Tests and exams will be based on the material covered in class. Some of this material may not be covered in the assigned readings.

Remember that you are responsible for the lecture material. If you do not come to class, it is your responsibility to find someone in the class (not the instructor) to fill you in on what you missed. Because I strive to conduct lectures in a question and answer format when possible, slides may not be posted until after the lecture.

The format of our classes will vary depending on the number of students and the questions we're dealing with, but your class participation will always be important. In order to get the most out of time in class, I recommend that you: a) read the required readings before class, b) think about how ideas in the readings are connected to the key question for each topic, c) make note of any questions you have, and d) bring your questions up in class.

Class Communication:

All classroom participants are expected to treat all participants with respect. See [Respectful Work and Learning Environment Policy](#). More detail is posted in the policies and services can be found in schedule A.

You are required to obtain and use your University of Manitoba email account for all communication between yourself and the university. All communication must comply with the Electronic Communication with Student Policy:

http://umanitoba.ca/admin/governance/governing_documents/community/electronic_communication_with_students_policy.html.

Academic Integrity:

Each student in this course is expected to abide by the University of Manitoba [Academic Integrity principles](#). Always remember to reference the work of others that you have used. You must do your own work during exams. Inappropriate collaborative behavior and violation of other Academic Integrity principles, will lead to the serious [disciplinary action](#). Visit the [Academic Calendar](#), [Student Advocacy](#), and [Academic Integrity](#) web pages for more information and support.

Recording Class Lectures:

The University of Manitoba and I hold copyright over the course materials, presentations and lectures, which form part of this course. No audio or video recording of lectures or presentations is allowed in any format, openly or surreptitiously, in whole or in part without permission of the instructor. Course materials (both paper and digital) are for the participant's private study and research.

Student Accessibility Services:

The University of Manitoba is committed to providing an accessible academic community. [Students Accessibility Services \(SAS\)](#) offers academic accommodation supports and services such as note-taking, interpreting, assistive technology and exam accommodations. Students who have, or think they may have, a disability (e.g. mental illness, learning, medical, hearing, injury-related, visual) are invited to contact SAS to arrange a confidential consultation.

Student Accessibility Services

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CLASS SCHEDULE

Below is a planned schedule of topics and readings. This schedule is subject to change at the discretion of the instructor and/or based on the learning needs of the students but such changes are subject to [Section 2.8 of ROASS](#).

I may occasionally post or send the class an e-mail with a link to an extra required or optional short reading, video or other material on the internet. Please check the course UM Learn site and your University of Manitoba e-mail account regularly.

Date	Topic	Required Textbook Readings
Sept. 5	Course Introduction	
Sept. 7	Intro to Economics, the Economy and Capitalism	Stanford Ch. 1,2
Sept. 10	Economic History and History of Economic Thought	Stanford Ch. 3,4
Sept. 12	Intro to Microeconomics	Hill & Myatt Ch. 1
Sept. 14-17	Introducing Economic Models <i>Issue focus:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Free Trade</i> 	Hill & Myatt Ch. 2
Sept. 17-28	How Markets work <i>Issue focus:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Minimum Wage</i> • <i>Rent Control</i> • <i>Tenant Rights</i> 	Hill & Myatt Ch. 3
Oct. 1-12	People as Consumers <i>Issue Focus:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Consumer Protection</i> • <i>Advertising bans</i> • <i>Prescription drugs</i> 	Hill & Myatt Ch. 4
Oct. 15	Test 1	
Oct. 17-26	The Firm <i>Issue focus:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Public Healthcare</i> 	Hill & Myatt Ch. 5
Oct 29- Nov 5	Market structure and efficiency <i>Issue focus:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Regulating banks and the financial sector</i> 	Hill & Myatt Ch. 6
Nov. 7	Externalities <i>Issue focus:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Carbon Tax</i> • <i>Asbestos/Cancer</i> 	Hill & Myatt Ch. 7
Nov. 9	Test 2	
Nov. 12-16	Winter break	
Nov. 19	Externalities (continued)	Hill & Myatt Ch.7
Nov.21-28	Marginal Productivity Theory of Income Distribution <i>Issue focus:</i>	Hill & Myatt Ch. 8

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Unionization</i> • <i>Minimum Wage</i> 	
Nov. 30	Labour Extraction	Stanford Ch. 8
Dec. 3-5	Government, Taxation and Redistribution <i>Issue focus:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Poverty Reduction</i> • <i>Social Determinants of Health</i> 	Hill & Myatt Ch. 9
Dec 7	Review	

COURSE EVALUATION

Assessment	Date	Grade	Value of Final Grade
Test 1	Oct 15 th	Grade and in class review	30%
Test 2	Nov 9 th	Grade and in class review	30%
Final exam	To be determined	Grade	40%

Grading

Letter Grade	Percentage out of 100	Final Grade Point
A+	90-100	4.5
A	80-89	4.0
B+	75-79	3.5
B	70-74	3.0
C+	65-69	2.5
C	60-64	2.0
D	50-59	1.0
F	Less than 50	0

Please note:

1. Students will not be permitted to write make-up tests or make-up missed assignments without documented medical or compassionate reasons.
2. Students appealing any term work (formally or informally) must do so within 10 working days of receiving their mark.
3. All final grades are subject to departmental review.
4. Any term work will be held for 4 months from the end of the final examination period for the term in which the work was assigned. After this time, all unclaimed term work will be destroyed according to FIPPA guidelines.
5. For more information regarding your rights, responsibilities and resources, see the Schedule A document posted on the course UM Learn site.

Penalties for Academic Dishonesty:

The minimum penalty for academic dishonesty in a test or final examination is F for the test/examination, and an F-DISC (discipline) in the course plus a suspension from the Faculty of Arts for a period of one year. The F grade and disciplinary notation appears on the student's transcript. For repeat violations, the penalty may include suspension from the Faculty of Arts for a period of up to 5 years. The Faculty also reserves the right to submit student work that is suspected of being plagiarized to Internet sites designed to detect plagiarism.

Voluntary Withdrawal

Sep. 18, 2018 is the last date to drop a course with a refund for Fall term and Fall/Winter term spanning courses.

November 19th, 2018 is the last day to drop this class.

- Students who do not drop the course by the deadline will be assigned a final grade. Withdrawal courses will be recorded on your official transcript. Refer to the [Registrar's Office](#) web page for more information. Please meet with me if you wish to discuss student's progress and strategies for improvement prior the withdrawal date. Evaluative feedback will be provided prior to the voluntary withdrawal date.