

# ECON 2510 THE ECONOMY OF UKRAINE

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TUESDAYS 2:30 -5:15  
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**COURSE DESCRIPTION:** In this course we will seek to gain an understanding of the character and the problems of the Ukrainian economy both as a crucial part of the economy of the former Soviet Union and as an independent country that has transitioned from a centrally planned to a market oriented economy. The course will begin with an analysis of the place of Ukraine in the political and economic framework of the former Soviet Union. It will next examine the continuing process and difficulties of transition towards a new economic order. The course and progress of Ukraine's transition will be studied within the comparative context of the transition of the economies of other former Soviet Republics as well as former Comecon states.

**Texts:** Oleh Havrylyshyn The Political Economy of Independent Ukraine. Additional Required and recommended readings will be assigned for each topic

## Term Requirements:

An IN CLASS, 2 HOUR SHORT ANSWER TEST, that will determine 25% of the final grade, will be held on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> February. An ESSAY OF 2000-2500 WORDS, that will determine 25% of the final grade is due Tuesday 19th March. Twenty percent (20%) of the grade will be awarded for IN-CLASS PARTICIPATION. The "participation" part of the grade will be derived from your record of attendance, evidence of preparation for the classes and participation in class discussion. NOTE: To avoid penalties students must notify the instructor if they are unable to attend a class. There will be a FINAL EXAMINATION that will determine the remaining 30% of the grade: In consultation with the instructor students may choose their own essay topics.

## Grade Distribution:

A+	90-100	C+	59-64
A	80-89	C	51-58
B+	72-79	D	50
B	65-71	F	49 or less

Note: Academic dishonesty including plagiarism and cheating and examination impersonation are subject to serious academic penalty. See the 2018-2019 University of Manitoba Undergraduate Calendar. The common penalty for plagiarism in a written assignment, text, or examination is F on the paper and F for the course. For the most serious acts of plagiarism, such as the purchase of an essay or cheating on a test or examination, the penalty can also include suspension for a period of up to five years from registration in courses taught in a particular department in Arts or from all courses taught in this Faculty. The Faculty also reserves the right to submit student work that is suspected of being plagiarized to Internet sites designed to detect plagiarism.

**Note: Students are required to keep a copy of all written assignments.**

## COURSE SCHEDULE

Note: The following schedule may vary in both announced times and in the content of the sessions. Point notes for all lectures will be posted on **umlearn** within one week following the date of the lecture.

DATE	TOPIC
1. 08 Jan.	Evaluation and Comparison of Economies
2. 15 Jan	Classification of Economic Systems
3..22 Jan.	The Political Economy of the Soviet Union and Communist Eastern Europe
4. 29 Jan..	Ukraine's economic problems within the Soviet Union
5. 05 Feb.	Economic crisis – the consequences of the breakdown of communist Europe
6. 19 Feb	<b>MID TERM BREAK NO CLASS</b>
7. 26 Feb	<b>IN CLASS TEST</b>
8, 05 Mar	Strategies for the transition “shock therapy” vs. “gradualism”
9.. 12 Mar	Problems of Stabilization in post-Soviet Ukraine
10 19Mar	Social and political consequences of the period of “transition” <b>DUE DATE FOR ESSAY</b>
11. 26 Mar	Institutional reforms from Leonid Kravchuk to Petro Poroshenko
12 02 Apr	The economic consequence of the Crimean and Eastern crisis
13 09 Apr	<b>COURSE REVIEW / PREP FOR FINAL</b>

## READINGS

### RECOMMENDED GENERAL READINGS:

J.S Koropecyky,	<u>The Ukrainian Economy: Achievements, Problems, Challenges</u> (1993)
A. Aslund	<u>How Ukraine Became a Market Economy and Democracy</u> (2009)
M.C. Shnitzer	<u>Comparative Economic Systems</u> (2000)
T. Kuzio	<u>Contemporary Ukraine, Dynamics of Post Soviet Transformation</u> (1998)
I.S.Koropecyky	<u>Development in the Shadow Studies in Ukrainian Economics</u> (1990)
V. Bandera & Z. Meknyk	<u>The Soviet Economy in Regional Perspective</u> (1990)

NOTE: Readings for the above topics are on **umlearn**.