



Carleton University Department of Economics
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ECON 1002S
Introduction to Macroeconomics

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The Course

Course Location/Delivery: Online, via Brightspace (asynchronous)
Course Day and Time: Mondays and Wednesdays, 6:05 – 8:55pm

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Brightspace Course Page: [Brightspace Course Webpage](#)

Course Description

Until two centuries ago, per capita incomes were not very different among the countries of the world. Furthermore, overall levels of economic activity were fairly stable. Macroeconomics explores the factors that underlie the differences in living standards that have emerged between the richest and poorest countries, and why economic activity fluctuates from year to year. It studies how economies grow, change over time, and interact with one another.

Learning Outcomes

The main objective of this course is to provide a framework to understand how the economy works in the aggregate, grows in the long run, and fluctuates in the short run. In pursuing this goal, the course will explore interesting and important issues in macroeconomics including:

- How do we measure an economy's performance?
- What drives long run economic growth and improvements in living standards?
- What causes fluctuations in the levels of economic activity in the short run?
- How do government fiscal policies influence the level of economic activity?

Preclusions and Prerequisites

ECON 1002 precludes additional credit for ECON 1000 and FYSM 1003. A grade of C- or higher is required to qualify for ECON/MATH 1402, ECON 2009, ECON 2020, and ECON 3001.

DEF(erred final grade) status at the end of this course precludes (continued) registration in any other course for which the former is a prerequisite.

Course Calendar

Class	Chapters	Topic	Assignment
July 6	9	Sizing up the Economy Using GDP	Assignment 1 Chapters 9-10 Due: July 12
July 8	10	Economic Growth	
July 13	11	Unemployment	
July 15	12	Inflation and Money	Assignment 2 Chapters 11-13 Due: July 21
July 20	13	Consumption and Saving	
July 22	Midterm Examination Covers Classes 1-5 / Chapters 9-13 2-hour in-person exam, 6:05-8:05pm		
July 27	14 15	Investment Financial Sector: Banks, Bonds and Stocks	Assignment 3 Chapters 14-16 Due: Aug 2
July 29	16	International Finance & the Exchange Rate	
Aug 5	17 18	Tracking the Business Cycle IS-LM Analysis: Interest Rates and Output	Assignment 4 Chapters 17-20 Due: Aug 14
Aug 10	19 20	The Phillips Curve and Inflation The Full Model: Linking Interest Rates, Output and Inflation	
Aug 12	22 23	Monetary Policy Government Spending, Taxes and Fiscal Policy	Assignment 5 Chapters 22,23 Due: Aug 16
Aug 17-23	In-person Final Exam Date, time and location to be announced at: www.carleton.ca/ses		

Textbooks and Readings

Title	Author(s)	ISBN
<i>Principles of Macroeconomics (2nd Canadian Edition)</i> , 2026	Milligan, Oreopoulos, Stevenson and Wolfers	978-1-319-579319

This course textbook and the associated learning and assignment tools are provided through Macmillan Achieve. Access to the electronic version of the textbook and all course resources can be purchased via the textbook publisher’s website at a discounted price for Carleton students of \$67.99. Instructions for purchasing at this price are available on Brightspace. Hardcopies of the course textbook and access to all course resources can be purchased as a package via the Carleton University bookstore for \$168.00 (price subject to change). Please be aware that a used copy of the textbook, unauthorized electronic copy, or hardcopy purchased outside the Carleton University bookstore, will almost certainly not come with a valid Achieve code. Access to Achieve is required to complete weekly assignments which contributes to your overall grade.

Available from:

Online purchase: Direct purchase link provided via course Brightspace website
Hardcopies: Carleton University Bookstore

Evaluation

Assignment/Test	Date	Chapters Covered	Percentage of Grade
Assignment 1	July 12	9 – 10	5%
Assignment 2	July 21	11 – 13	5%
Midterm	July 22	9 – 13	25%
Assignment 3	Aug 2	14 – 16	5%
Assignment 4	Aug 14	17 – 20	5%
Assignment 5	Aug 16	22, 23	5%
Final Exam (in-person)	During Final Exam Period: Aug 17-23	9 – 20, 22-23	40%
Engagement Exercises			10%
			Total: 100%

Assignments

Assignments apply the material and techniques covered in the classes and textbook. They are to be completed online using the Achieve package which accompanies the course textbook.

Intuition and Engagement Exercises

The course engagement grade will be based on completion of online practice exercises from week to week.

Late Policies and Extensions for Term Work

Late Penalty: Class members take responsibility for keeping up with assignments from week-to-week in line with the above schedule. Assignments may be submitted late subject to a deduction of 5% per day, applicable to the component of the assignment submitted late.

Midterm Test

Format:

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| A. Multiple Choice: | 30 Questions × 2 marks each | = 60 marks |
| B. Written Answers: | Choose 4 of 7 questions × 10 marks each | = 40 marks |
| | | Total: 100 marks |

If you miss the midterm, email the Instructor as soon as possible with a Self-declaration Form to schedule a make-up midterm.

Final Exam

The Final Exam will be scheduled by Scheduling and Examination Services during the final exam period.

Students should not make travel plans during the exam schedule that may conflict with their exam dates until the exam schedule is announced, since an exam conflict with travel plans is not a valid reason for missing a final exam.

Format:

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| A. Multiple Choice: | 40 Questions × 1.5 marks each | = 60 marks |
| B. Written Answers: | Choose 4 of 7 questions × 10 marks each | = 40 marks |
| | | Total: 100 marks |

Deferred Finals

Students who do not write the final examination because of illness or other circumstances beyond their control may apply to write a deferred final examination by contacting the Registrar's Office no later than three working days after the original final examination was scheduled. In the event that a student writes a deferred examination, the deferred examination will carry the same weight as the final examination in determining the course grade. The deferred examination will not be identical to the original final examination.

Distance Exams

Students who live/study more than 160 kilometres away from Carleton University may apply to the Distance Exam Office to write the exam remotely. You can find information about the deadline for applying for a Distance Exam this term, the associated fee, and the application [here](#).

E-Proctoring

E-proctoring will not be used for evaluations in this course. Students writing the Distance Exams may be asked to use CoMaS eProctoring, at the discretion of the Distance Exam Office.

Email Response Times

The course instructor will typically respond to email within 1-2 days.

Course Grades

Standing in a course is determined by the course instructor subject to the approval of the Faculty Dean. This means that grades submitted by the instructor may be subject to revision. No grades are final until they have been approved by the Dean.

Plagiarism, Resources and Mental Health, Academic Accommodations

You are responsible for reading and knowing the information about plagiarism, Carleton University resources, and academic accommodations found [HERE](#). Examples of plagiarism include, but are not limited to:

- any submission prepared in whole or in part, by someone else;
- unauthorized use of generative AI tools (e.g., ChatGPT).

No Distribution of Course Materials

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