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Economics 2203: Term 1

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Tue./Thu., 8:30-10:00 AM

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Course Description: Macroeconomics is the field of economics that describes aggregate issues in the general economy of a country. The critical issues of importance to the field are those that affect the standard of living of people living in a country: productivity, unemployment, and income distribution. Macroeconomics also considers the problems and interrelationships of inflation, exchange rates, national debt and deficits, and public policy in the economy. We will examine these concepts using economic theory presented in class, in an attempt to understand why economies experience recessions and booms and the possible policy options governments might use to avoid decreases in the standard of living people enjoy. The course material will utilize elementary algebra.

Textbook:

Oliver Blanchard and David Johnson, “Macroeconomics”, fifth Canadian edition, Pearson, 2013.

Course Evaluation:

Test 1 (Oct. 9, 2014):	20%
Test 2 (November 6, 2014):	30%
Final	40%
Assignments:	10%

Brief Outline:

I. Introduction to Macroeconomics and National Income Accounting

- Chapter 1: A Tour of the World
- Chapter 2: A Tour of the Book

The Core: The Short Run

- Chapter 3: The Goods Market
- Chapter 4: Financial Markets
- Chapter 5: Goods and Financial Markets: the IS-LM Model
- Chapter 6: Openness in Goods and Financial Markets
- Chapter 7: The Goods Market in an Open Economy
- Chapter 8: Output, the Interest Rate and the Exchange Rate

The Core: The Medium Run

- Chapter 9: The Labour Market
- Chapter 10: Putting all Markets Together: The AS-AD Model
- Chapter 11: All Markets together: special cases
- Chapter 12: The Phillips Curve
- Chapter 13: Inflation, economic growth and money growth
- Chapter 14: Exchange Rates in the medium run