**ECON 0012B Section 530**

**Introduction to Macroeconomics**

**Preliminary Year**

Course #: Economics 0012B

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Term: Winter 2023

Year: 2022-2023

Course Day and Time: Tuesdays 2:30- 4:30 in person BR-19

Thursdays 2:30 – 3:30 in person BR-19

Instructor Information

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Course Description

The goal of the course is to provide an introduction to macroeconomics. The course will discuss concepts such as national income accounting, inflation, unemployment. Using the micro foundations of macroeconomics theory, you will develop a simple model to explain the effects of monetary and fiscal policy on levels of aggregate output.

No prerequisite.

Learning Outcomes

***Brescia Competencies in italics***

Upon successful completion of this course students will be able to:

1. Measure and describe the major components of the national economy and the transactions among them. *(Inquiry and Analysis)*
2. Apply macroeconomic models to predict the effect of broad economic events on the various components of the economy and the level of economic activity*.(Critical Thinking and Problem Solving)*
3. Apply macroeconomic models to formulate individual economic decisions. *(Critical Thinking and Problem Solving)*
4. Describe the mechanics of government monetary and fiscal policy. *(Communication and Inquiry and Analysis)*
5. Assess the effectiveness of government economic policy in achieving economic and political goals*.(Critical Thinking and Problem Solving)*
6. Explain the significance and mechanisms of international trade in the context of the Canadian economy*. (Communication)*

Student competency levels on these outcomes will vary. You can expect to achieve these outcomes if you honour course policies, attend classes regularly, complete all assigned work in good faith and on time, demonstrate comprehension of the course content, and meet all other course expectations of you as a student.

Brescia Competencies

Primary competencies developed in this course include:

1. Communication (Level 1)

2. Critical Thinking (Level 1)

3. Inquiry and Analysis (Level 1)

4. Problem Solving (Level 1)

5. Valuing (Level 1)

See http://brescia.uwo.ca/academics/brescia-competencies/ for a detailed description of each competency.

Teaching Methodology and Expectations of Students

This course is in person. Attendance in class is required. Readings may be expanded upon by way of videos, exercises, cases, and/or class discussions. You are expected to be prepared and fully engaged in learning. You should check OWL regularly for lecture notes, reading, and announcements.

COURSE POLICIES

Email

Email is a useful tool for sharing news, setting up appointments, or for a simple assignment clarification, but for more complex questions, an online face-to-face meeting via “Zoom” is best.

Please make an appointment to discuss any personal, academic, group work, or controversial issues in person, especially any concerns that you might have about your grades. For privacy reasons, you must use your Western email account to contact me. Please include your name, course and section number in the subject line of your emails.

If you are emailing to let me know that you will not be attending a zoom meeting. I will make a note of it but may not respond. Academic accommodation requests must go through the academic advisors. If you are asking a question that is answered on OWL (example: “what did we do in class today?”) I will not respond. Please check OWL before emailing. If you have an exceptional question the response to which would benefit the class, I thank you, and will post a response on OWL with gratitude. I will not check email over weekends and holidays, so plan accordingly.

Appointments

Students are welcome to meet with me by arranging an on-line appointment at a mutually convenient time. Be on time for your appointment, have an objective for the discussion and bring a copy of your paper or exam you wish to discuss.

Privacy

To respect privacy laws and the privacy of individual students, all grades will be distributed on OWL only. If you wish to discuss a grade, or review a test or paper, please make an appointment with the professor to do so in person. To respect your privacy, I will discuss your grades only with you. Please do not share or compare your grades. I cannot share information about another student’s grades, so discussions comparing grades between students will not be entertained.

Required Course Materials

Exploring Macro economics, Canadian edition. Sexton, Fortura, Kovacs. 3rd edition or later.

Available on Amazon and

Vitalsource

[Shop online and downloadable textbooks by subject | VitalSource](https://www.vitalsource.com/en-ca/textbooks?sort=&term=Exploring+macroeconomics)

Or:

[exploring economics - Cengage](https://www.cengage.ca/s/?q=exploring%20economics)

Course Content

### Weekly Organizer:

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| Day/Topic | Date | Description | Assignments and/or Readings Due |
| 1 | Jan 10th and 12th | Introduction to Macro economy | |  | | --- | |  | |
| 2 | Jan 17th and 19th | Measuring Performance | |  | | --- | |  | |
| 3 | Jan 24th and 26th | Aggregate Demand, Supply, Equilibrium | |  | | --- | |  | |
|  | Jan 27th 12pm | Homework Due | **Homework #1 Due 15%** |
| 4 | January 31st and February 2nd | Economic Growth | |  | | --- | |  | |
| 5 | Feb 7th and 9th | Fiscal Policy  Money and Banking | |  | | --- | |  | |
| 6 | Feb. 14th  February 16th | **Test #1**  Begin Fiscal Policy | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Test #1 25% Multiple Choice  During class time on Feb 14th | | |
|  | Feb. 18th until Feb. 26th inclusive | Winter Reading Week | |  | | --- | | Reading Week | |
| 7 | February 28th and March 2nd | Fiscal Policy and Bank of Canada |  |
|  | March 7th 2023 | Last day to drop course with no academic penalty | **Drop Date** |
| 8 | March 7th and 9th | Monetary Policy |  |
| 19 | March 14th and 16th | International Finance | |  | | --- | |  | |
|  | March 17th 12pm | Homework Due | **Homework #2 Due 15%** |
| 10 | March 21st and 23rd | International Trade |  |
| 11 | March 28th and 30th | International Trade cont’d | |  | | --- | |  | |
| 12 | April 4th and 6th | Catch up and exam review |  |
| Exam period | April 11th to 30th inclusive | Final Exam  **Set by Registrar** | **CUMULATIVE FINAL EXAM 30%** |

Evaluation

You must complete all evaluation components to pass the course. I will not re-weight course components unless you have received an academic accommodation. I will not adjust grades based on need. Your mark in the course will be the mark that you earn based on your comprehension of course content. Extra credit assignments are not available, and evaluations cannot be rewritten to obtain a higher mark. Once you have completed an evaluation, you are committed to the mark earned

Late assignments will be penalized 3% per day. Assignments that are handed in more than one week after the due date will not be accepted without documentation from an academic advisor.

If you require an extension, please see the Academic Policies and Regulations section at the end of this course outline or consult the Academic Calendar.

Information on documentation can be found here: http://brescia.uwo.ca/academics/academicadvising/

### Evaluation Breakdown:

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Component | Weight | Timing | Learning Outcome | Brescia Competencies |
| Forum Contribution (asynchronous) | 15% | On going | 1 - 6 | 1-5 |
| Homework #1 | 15% | Jan 27th | 3 | 1,2,3,4,5 |
| Test #1 Multiple Choice | 25% | Feb 14th | 1,2 | 1,2,3,4 |
| Homework #2 | 15% | March 17th | 5 | 1,2,3,4,5 |
| Final Exam cumulative Exam period | 30% | Set by Registrar | 1,2,4,5,6 | 1,3,4 |

**2022-23 BRESCIA UNIVERSITY COLLEGE ACADEMIC POLICIES AND REGULATIONS**

**1. POLICY REGARDING ACADEMIC ACCOMMODATION**

The complete policy regarding Accommodation for Illness - Undergraduate Students can be found at https://www.westerncalendar.uwo.ca/PolicyPages.cfm?Command=showCategory&PolicyCategoryID=1&SelectedCalendar=Live&ArchiveID=#Page\_135

Students who have long-term or chronic medical conditions which may impede their ability to complete academic responsibilities should seek Academic Accommodation through Student Accessibility Services (https://www.westerncalendar.uwo.ca/PolicyPages.cfm?Command=showCategory&PolicyCategoryID=1&SelectedCalendar=Live&ArchiveID=#Page\_10).

Personal commitments (e.g., vacation flight bookings, work schedule) which conflict with a scheduled test, exam or course requirement are **not** grounds for academic accommodation.

Students who experience an illness or extenuating circumstance sufficiently severe to temporarily render them unable to meet academic requirements may submit a request for academic consideration through the following routes:

1. For medical absences, submitting a **Student Medical Certificate** (**SMC**) signed by a licensed medical or mental health practitioner;

2. For non-medical absences, submitting **appropriate documentation** (e.g., obituary, police report, accident report, court order, etc.) to their Academic Advisor. Students are encouraged to contact their Academic Advisor to clarify what documentation is acceptable.

**Request for Academic Consideration for a Medical Absence**

When a student requests academic accommodation (e.g., extension of a deadline, a makeup exam) for work representing 10% or more of the student’s overall grade in the course, it is the responsibility of the student to provide acceptable documentation to support a medical or compassionate claim. All such requests for academic accommodation **must** be made through an Academic Advisor and include supporting documentation.

Academic accommodation for illness will be granted only if the documentation indicates that the onset, duration and severity of the illness are such that the student could not reasonably be expected to complete their academic responsibilities. Minor ailments typically treated by over-the-counter medications will not normally be accommodated.

The following conditions apply for students seeking academic accommodation on medical grounds:

1. Students must submit their Student Medical Certificate (SMC) along with a request for relief specifying the nature of the accommodation being requested no later than two business days after the date specified for resuming responsibilities. An SMC can be downloaded from https://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic\_policies/appeals/medicalform.pdf;

2. In cases where there might be an extended absence or serious issue, students should submit their documentation promptly and consult their Academic Advisor for advice during their recovery period;

3. Whenever possible, students who require academic accommodation should provide notification and documentation in advance of due dates, scheduled tests or examinations, and other academic requirements;

4. Students **must** communicate with their instructors **no later than 24 hours** after the end of the period covered by the SMC to clarify how they will fulfil the academic expectations they may have missed during the absence;

5. Appropriate academic accommodation will be determined by the Dean’s Office/Academic Advisor in consultation with the course instructor(s). Academic accommodation may include extension of deadlines, waiver of attendance requirements, arranging Special Exams (make-ups), re-weighting course requirements, or granting late withdrawal without academic penalty.

**2. ACADEMIC CONCERNS**

If you feel that you have a medical or personal challenge that is interfering with your work, contact your instructor and Academic Advisor as soon as possible. Problems may then be documented and possible arrangements to assist you can be discussed at the time of occurrence rather than on a retroactive basis. Retroactive requests for academic accommodation on medical or compassionate grounds are not normally considered.

If you think that you are too far behind to catch up or that your work load is not manageable, you should consult your Academic Advisor (https://brescia.uwo.ca/enrolment\_services/academic\_advising/book\_an\_appointment.php). If you consider reducing your workload by dropping one or more courses, this must be done by the appropriate deadlines; please contact your Academic Advisor or see the list of sessional dates in the Academic Calendar (https://www.westerncalendar.uwo.ca/SessionalDates.cfm?SelectedCalendar=Live&ArchiveID=).

You should consult with the course instructor and the Academic Advisor who can help you consider alternatives to dropping one or more courses. *Note that dropping a course may affect OSAP eligibility and/or Entrance Scholarship eligibility.*

**3. ABSENCES**

**Short Absences:** If you miss a class due to a minor illness or other problems, check your course outline for information regarding attendance requirements and make sure you are not missing a test or assignment. Cover any readings and arrange to borrow notes from a classmate. Contact the course instructor if you have any questions.

Please note that for asynchronous online courses, attendance or participation requirements maybe different than for synchronous or in-person courses.

**Extended Absences:** If you have an extended absence, you should contact the course instructor and an Academic Advisor. Your course instructor and Academic Advisor can discuss ways for you to catch up on missed work, and arrange academic accommodations if appropriate and warranted.

It is important to note that the Academic Dean may refuse permission to write the final examination in a course if the student has failed to maintain satisfactory academic standing throughout the year or for too frequent absence from the class or laboratory (https://www.westerncalendar.uwo.ca/PolicyPages.cfm?Command=showCategory&PolicyCategoryID=5&SelectedCalendar=Live&ArchiveID=#Page\_64).

**4. SCHOLASTIC OFFENCES**

Scholastic offences are taken seriously and students are directed to read the appropriate policy, specifically, the definition of what constitutes a Scholastic Offence at: https://www.westerncalendar.uwo.ca/PolicyPages.cfm?Command=showCategory&PolicyCategoryID=1&SelectedCalendar=Live&ArchiveID=#Page\_20.

Students are responsible for understanding the nature of and avoiding the occurrence of plagiarism and other academic offences. Note that such offences include plagiarism, cheating on an examination, submitting false or fraudulent assignments or credentials, impersonating a candidate, or submitting for credit in any course without the knowledge and approval of the instructor to whom it is submitted, any academic work for which credit has previously been obtained or is being sought in another course in the University or elsewhere. Students are advised to consult the section on Scholastic Discipline for Undergraduate Students in the Academic Calendar.

If you are in doubt about whether what you are doing is inappropriate or not, consult your instructor, the Academic Dean’s Office, or the Registrar. A claim that "you didn't know it was wrong" is not accepted as an excuse.

The penalties for a student guilty of a scholastic offence (including plagiarism) include refusal of a passing grade in the assignment, refusal of a passing grade in the course, suspension from the University, and expulsion from the University.

**Plagiarism**:

Students must write their essays and assignments in their own words. Whenever students take an idea or a passage from another author, they must acknowledge their debt both by using quotation marks where appropriate and by proper referencing such as footnotes or citations. Plagiarism is a major academic offence.

All required papers may be subject to submission for textual similarity review to the commercial plagiarism detection software under license to the University for the detection of plagiarism. All papers submitted for such checking will be included as source documents in the reference database for the purpose of detecting plagiarism of papers subsequently submitted to the system. Use of the service is subject to the licensing agreement, currently between The University of Western Ontario and Turnitin.com.

**Computer-marked Tests/exams**:

Computer-marked multiple-choice tests and/or exams may be subject to submission for similarity review by software that will check for unusual coincidences in answer patterns that may indicate cheating. Software currently in use to score computer-marked multiple-choice tests and exams performs a similarity review as part of standard exam analysis.

**5. PROCEDURES FOR APPEALING ACADEMIC EVALUATIONS**

All appeals of a grade must be directed first to the course instructor. If the student is not satisfied with the decision of the course instructor, a written appeal is to be sent to the School Chair. If the response of the Chair is considered unsatisfactory to the student, they may then submit a written appeal to the Office of the Dean. If the student is not satisfied with the decision of the Dean, they may appeal to the Senate Review Board Academic (SRBA), if there are sufficient grounds for the appeal and if the matter falls within the jurisdiction of the SRBA. For information on academic appeals consult your Academic Advisor or see the Student Academic Appeals – Undergraduate in the Academic Calendar https://www.westerncalendar.uwo.ca/PolicyPages.cfm?Command=showCategory&PolicyCategoryID=1&SelectedCalendar=Live&ArchiveID=#Page\_14.

Note that final course marks are not official until the Academic Dean has reviewed and signed the final grade report for the course. If course marks deviate from acceptable and appropriate standards, the Academic Dean may require grades to be adjusted to align them with accepted grading practices.

**6. PREREQUISITES**

Unless you have either the prerequisites for a course or written Special Permission from the Dean to enroll in it, you will be removed from the course and it will be deleted from your record. This decision may not be appealed. You will receive no adjustment to your fees in the event that you are dropped from a course for failing to have the necessary prerequisite(s).

**7. SUPPORT**

**Support Services**

The Brescia University College Registrar’s website, with a link to Academic Advisors, is at http://brescia.uwo.ca/academics/registrar-services/. Students can access supports through Brescia’s Student Life Centre (http://brescia.uwo.ca/life/student-life/) and Learning Development & Success at Western (https://www.uwo.ca/sdc/learning/).

**Mental Health and Wellness**

Students may experience a range of issues that can cause barriers to your learning, such as increased anxiety, feeling overwhelmed, feeling down or lost, difficulty concentrating and/or lack of motivation. Services are available to assist you with addressing these and other concerns you may be experiencing. You can obtain information about how to obtain help for yourself or others through **Health & Wellness at Brescia**, https://brescia.uwo.ca/student\_life/health\_and\_wellness/index.php

and **Health and Wellness at Western**, http://uwo.ca/health/mental\_wellbeing/index.html.

**Sexual Violence**

All members of the Brescia University College community have a right to work and study in an environment that is free from any form of sexual violence. Brescia University College recognizes that the prevention of, and response to, Sexual Violence is of particular importance in the university environment. Sexual Violence is strictly prohibited and unacceptable and will not be tolerated. Brescia is committed to preventing Sexual Violence and creating a safe space for anyone in the Brescia community who has experienced Sexual Violence.

If you or someone you know has experienced any form of Sexual Violence, you may access resources at https://brescia.uwo.ca/safe\_campus/sexual\_violence/index.php.

Portions of this document were taken from the Academic Calendar, the Handbook of Academic and Scholarship Policy, and the Academic Handbook of Senate Regulations. This document is a summary of relevant regulations and does not supersede the academic policies and regulations of the Senate of the University of Western Ontario.