

# ECO202Y1Y, Macroeconomics Theory and Policy

Sections L0301/9301, L0401/9401, L0501

Fall-Winter 2020-21, Economics Department ,

University of Toronto



**NOTE: ALL POSTED TIMES  
ARE EASTERN TIME  
(LOCAL TORONTO TIME).**

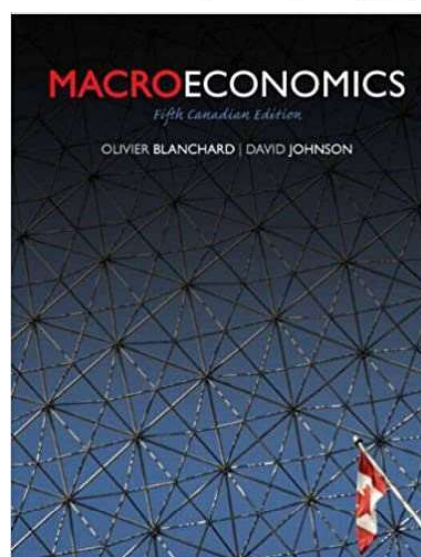


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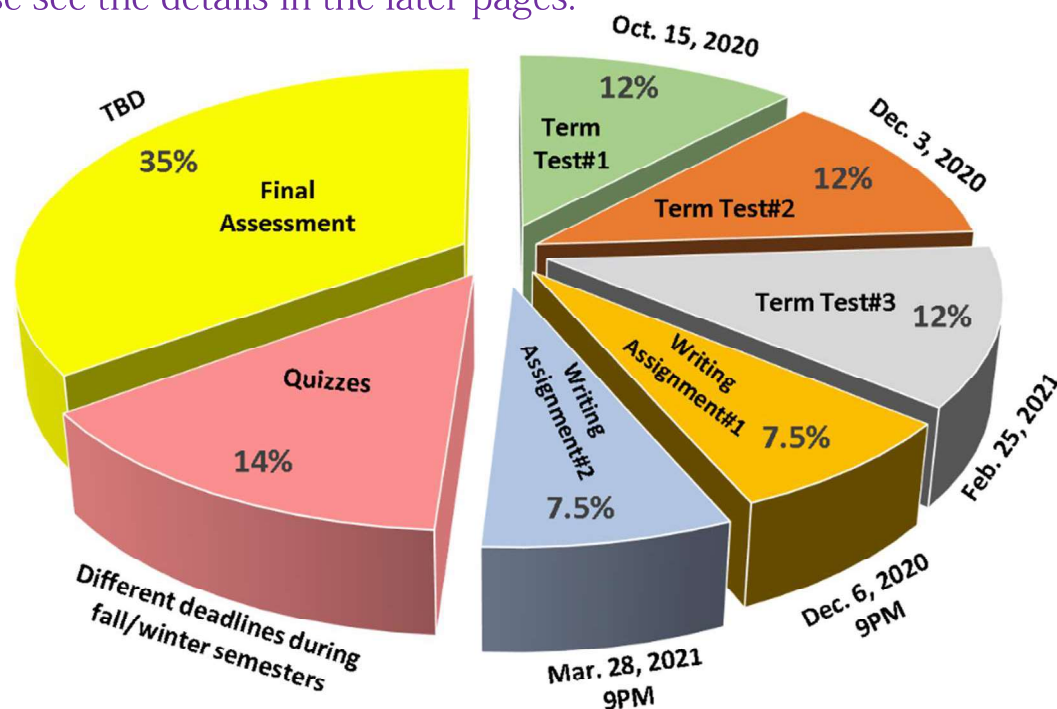
## Textbook:

Olivier Blanchard, David Johnson,  
Macroeconomics, Fifth Canadian Edition (2015).  
Do not use the older editions.



## Evaluations/Grading Schemes:

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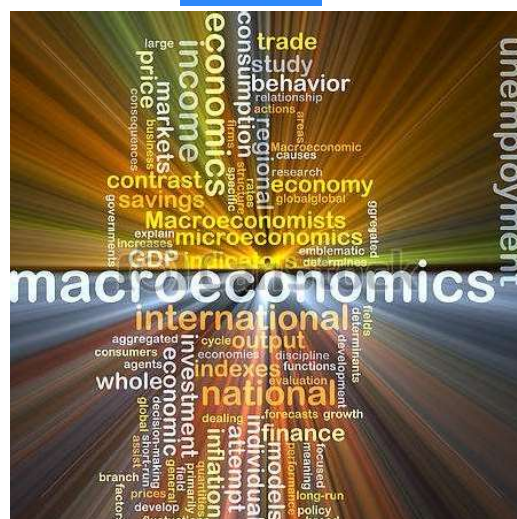
**Course Delivery:** This is a completely online course. The content is organized by weeks as shown in the table on the last page, in terms of the chapters and topics. There will be no meeting at a given lecture time, instead, the content will be posted during the week. Each week, you are expected to complete the readings, watch the videos, do the posted chapter exercises, and submit the online quizzes (if any for that week) by their due dates. There could be changes in the order or nature of the materials, if required.

**Technology Requirements:** You must have access to a laptop or desktop computer with a strong and stable internet connection. You need a cell phone for scanning and uploading your test/assessment materials, however, the phone is not an acceptable substitute for the computer, as some required components of the course may not be accessible on smartphones. A camera and microphone are required for online contact activities such as office hours. High speed broadband access (LAN, Cable or DSL) is highly recommended to stream the videos smoothly. Also check:

<https://www.vicprovoststudents.utoronto.ca/covid-19/tech-requirements-online-learning/>

Also, different applications, programs, or platforms will be used for running, invigilating, or grading tests/assessments, also for office hours, discussion board, and other communications. These are including, but not limited to, UofT Quercus, Crowdmark, Zoom, ... So, you should be able to work with these applications and platforms.

**Course Description:** This course studies the behavior of economies in aggregate level. This is including macroeconomic behavior of economic variables in the short run, i.e. economic fluctuations, and business cycles, as well as the medium and long run adjustments and trends, and economic expansion. In each case, first, closed economies are studied, and then we extend our models and knowledge to open economies. Moreover, we will use our models to analyze the impacts of shocks, expectations, and government policies.



## Prerequisites:

Prerequisites are strictly checked and enforced and must be completed before taking a course. By taking this course you acknowledge that you will be removed from the course at any time, if you do not meet all the requirements set by the Department of Economics. For further information you can consult the Courses Calendar, which is available from the Registrar's Office. If you have any doubt about the required prerequisite, please let me know to direct you to the right person to check it for you.

### Fall/Winter 2020/21 Evaluation Schedule

Evaluation	Weight	Date	Time
First Term Test	12%	Oct. 15, 2020	Any 2-hour interval in the 10:00AM - 11:59PM window
Second Term Test	12%	Dec. 3, 2020	
Third Term Test	12%	Feb. 25, 2021	
Writing Assignment#1	7.5%	Dec. 6, 2020	9:00PM, Sharp
Writing Assignment#2	7.5%	March 28, 2021	9:00PM, Sharp
Quizzes	14%	Spread over the fall/winter semesters	
Final Assessment	35%	TBD	TBD

Term Tests: Each term test is focused on a few chapters. If for any emergency circumstances, acceptable by the university rules, you miss a term test, you need to take a makeup test. In case of missing a test, you should inform me by email within 5 days from the test, with the related reasons and documentations. If you miss more than a term test, one will be replaced by the makeup test, and the rest will receive ZERO under ANY circumstances.



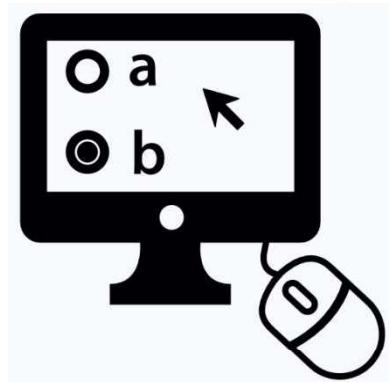
Makeup Test: Makeup test will be held for eligible students on April 8. Because all students who missed either of 3 term tests take the same makeup test, it will cover ALL the materials of 3 term tests. Note that the makeup test is a private test and will NOT be returned to you. If you miss the makeup test, you will receive zero mark, no matter why you miss the test.

**Writing Assignments:** The topics and details of the writing assignments will be announced later. In suspicious cases, your assignment could be checked by Turnitin. The deadlines for writing assignments will not be extended, so no late deduction is applicable. No excuses like network failure or system interruption ... is acceptable. If you miss the writing assignments, they **cannot** be substituted by anything else.

**Quizzes:** The quizzes will be posted on the course Quercus website, each covering one or a few chapters, and are in multiple-choice format. When a quiz is posted with an announcement in advance, you have a few days to start the quiz. But when you start the quiz, you need to finish it in one sitting in a limited time around 2 hours. Please make sure you do not miss the quizzes, by regularly checking Quercus. If you miss them, they **cannot** be substituted by anything else.

**Warning Notes:**

- You have plenty of time to finish the writing assignment and quizzes, but please do not leave them to the last minutes, as many problems including technical problems or medical emergencies may arise. So, no medical or health issues or technical problems are accepted for the writing assignment and quizzes.
- As far as the term tests and final assessments concern, the due times are enforced rigorously, according to the **platform reports** about starting and ending times (not based on your or my beliefs about the times). Any work sent after the due times by emails will be ignored, and any late penalties, if applicable, will be applied according to the **platform report**.
- This course requires the use of computers and internet connections. You are responsible for ensuring that you maintain regular backup copies of your files, use antivirus software (if using your own computer), and schedule enough time when completing an assignment to allow for delays due to possible technical failures. Computer viruses, crashed hard drives, lost, or corrupted files, incompatible file formats, faulty internet, and similar mishaps are common issues when using technology, and are not acceptable grounds for missing any kind of course assessments.
- All posted times are in Eastern Time, i.e. local Toronto time. If you are in a different time zone, please make sure you correctly identify your time compare to Toronto time. Errors in calculations are not an acceptable reason to miss deadlines.



## Lectures, Tutorials, and Office Hours:

Lectures and tutorials will be posted in form of prerecorded videos, in Quercus. But the office hours will be held live through the UofT-sanctioned platforms, like Zoom.

The office hours may change during the year to accommodate students in different time zones, or changes in the instructor or TAs teaching schedules. **The instructor and TAs office hours will be posted on Quercus webpage. Please check the Quercus, before stopping by.**



## Notes, Emails, and Quercus Course Website:

**Quercus:** All the course materials like exercises, quizzes, notes, prerecorded videos, announcements, ... will be posted on the Quercus course website. It is your responsibility to follow up and get the information about the tests, makeup test, quizzes, and other issues.

**Notes:** For your convenience, I will also post course notes on the website. The notes are the written version of the presentations that I go over in videos, but to encourage you to watch the videos, the notes are **NOT** complete. You can complete the notes by watching the videos. The completed versions of the notes are **NOT** available.

**Emails:** You need to send your emails only from your UofT account to instructor's UofT email account. It is preferred **NOT** to use Quercus email.

## RE-grading Appeals:

In order to appeal for re-grading your term tests, you should submit the Re-grading Request Form (posted on Quercus), by email, within **2 weeks** after returning the grades. After this period, no request is accepted. I may re-grade the entire assessment, so your grade can go either way, up or down, or remain unchanged.



## Other Issues:

- In this course, the textbook is followed closely, but supplementary examples, graphs, articles, videos, and materials might be discussed or posted. Students are responsible for all the course materials for the tests and assessments.

- There might be some marginal grade adjustments for the final grade of the course at the instructor's discretion, in terms of letter grade. In case of petition for re-grading of the final assessment, the adjustment may be revised for the final mark of the course.

## Academic Integrity and Academic Misconduct:

- Students should note that any form of academic misconduct will not be tolerated, as academic integrity is central to an UofT education. Any student caught engaging in misconduct activities will be subject to academic discipline ranging from a mark of zero on a test or examination to dismissal from the university as outlined in the academic handbook. Any student abetting or otherwise assisting in such misconduct will also be subject to academic penalties.

- Academic integrity is especially relevant for online courses. Consider all graded term work as individual work. Collaborating, providing or receiving answers or unauthorized help from someone else on submitted work violates academic integrity.

- Please note that all suspected cases will be reported to the Department of Economics and OSAI. Please consult with the university's Code of Behavior on Academic Matters:

<http://www.governingcouncil.utoronto.ca/policies/behaveac.htm>

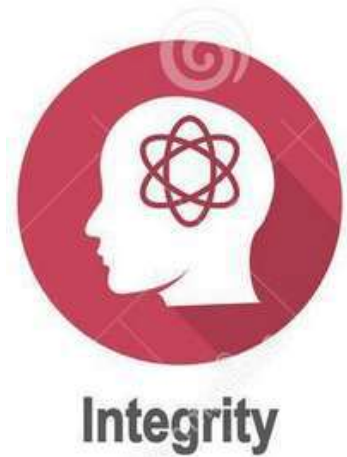
Also: <http://www.artsci.utoronto.ca/osai>

- In order to avoid plagiarism, your assignments might be submitted to Turnitin.com. You can find the details about what plagiarism is and how to avoid it, check this link:

<http://advice.writing.utoronto.ca/using-sources>

- The usual University of Toronto disclaimer on Turnitin.com is applied: "Normally, students will be required to submit their course essays to Turnitin.com for a review of textual similarity and detection of possible plagiarism. In doing so, students will allow their essays to be included as source documents in the Turnitin.com reference database, where they will be used solely for the purpose of detecting plagiarism. The terms that apply to the University's use of the Turnitin.com service are described on the Turnitin.com web site."

- **Notice of Video Recording and Sharing:** Course videos and materials belong to your instructor, the University, and/or other sources depending on the specific facts of each situation and are protected by copyright. Do not download, copy, or share any course or student materials or videos without the explicit permission of the instructor.



## Academic Support:

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- The Economics Study Centre is staffed by third- and fourth-year undergraduate students who act as Learning Assistants to Economics and Commerce students. The focus of the program is on core Economics courses including ECO202. Please check following link to for the schedule and updates:

<https://www.economics.utoronto.ca/index.php/index/undergraduate/load/studyCentre>

- In order to receive helpful information for your essays, you can use the services of several Writing Centers at the University of Toronto. A list of these Writing Centers can be found at <https://writing.utoronto.ca/writing-centres/arts-and-science/>

For more general advice on academic essay-writing, please refer to:

<http://www.artsci.utoronto.ca/current/advising/ell>

For more information, please contact the ELL coordinator

Leora Freedman at [leora.freedman@utoronto.ca](mailto:leora.freedman@utoronto.ca)



## Planned Course Schedule:

Actual order and nature of the materials might be different, if needed

Chapters	Week	Topics
2	Sep. 10 – Sep. 16	- Macroeconomic Data and Approach
3 – 4	Sep. 17 – Sep. 23	- Equilibrium in Goods and Financial Markets (IS and LM Curves)
4 – 5	Sep. 24 – Sep. 30	- Short Run Equilibrium in Closed Economies, Macroeconomic Policies
6	Oct. 1 – Oct. 7	- Open Economies and Exchange Rate Determination
7	Oct. 8 – Oct. 14	- Goods and Financial Markets in Open Economies
	<b>Oct. 15</b>	<b>Term Test#1</b>
8	Oct. 22 – Oct. 28	- Short Run Equilibrium in Goods and Financial Markets in Open economies, and Equilibrium Exchange Rate
9	Oct. 29 – Nov. 4	- Labor Market, Natural Rate of Unemployment, Unemployment Rate
10	Nov. 5 – Nov. 18	- Labor Market, Natural Rate of Unemployment, Unemployment Rate, Aggregate Demand and Supply
10 – 11	Nov. 19 – Nov. 25	- Medium Run Equilibrium in Closed Economies. Demand side and Supply Side Macroeconomic Policies
12	Nov. 26 – Dec. 2	- Phillips Curve, Money Growth Rate, and Inflation Rate.
	<b>December 3</b>	<b>Term Test#2</b>
13	Jan. 11 – Jan. 17	- Phillips Curve, Okun' s Law, Policy Credibility and Disinflation
14	Jan. 18 – Jan. 24	- Exchange Rate Regimes, Open Economies in the Medium Run
15 – 16	Jan. 25 – Jan. 31	- Economic Growth: Stylized Facts, Saving, Capital Accumulation, and Output Growth: Solow Model
15 – 16	Feb. 1 – Feb. 7	- Economic Growth: Stylized Facts, Saving, Capital Accumulation, and Output Growth: Solow Model (Cont.)
17	Feb. 8 – Feb. 14	- Technological Progress and Economic Growth in the Long Run
	<b>February 25</b>	<b>Term Test#3</b>
19	Mar. 1 – Mar. 7	- Real Interest Rate vs. Nominal Interest Rate
19	Mar. 8 – Mar. 14	- Real Interest Rate vs. Nominal Interest Rate (Cont.)
21	Mar. 15 – Mar. 21	- Consumption Theories
21	Mar. 22 – Mar. 28	- Consumption Theories (Cont.)
21	Mar. 29 – Apr. 4	- Investment Theories
	Apr. 5 – Apr. 9	- Review/Catchup