

Course Outline for ECO 325F

Lectures and Tutorials:

Lectures* will usually be held Wednesday from 10-12pm in Room SS 1083

Tutorials will usually be held Wednesdays 12-1pm in Room SS 1083

Details on dates is found at the end of the outline.

*September 11th and 25th will each be a three hour class, and September 18th will be a 2 hour tutorial.

Office Hours:

Prof. Alexopoulos: Friday 9:30-10:30 am on Zoom starting in the second week of classes
<https://utoronto.zoom.us/j/86151046441>
Meeting ID: 861 5104 6441
Passcode: 661109

TA Office hours: TBA

Required Textbook:

Advanced Macroeconomics by David Romer Fifth edition.

The book can be purchased at the University of Toronto bookstore, or on Amazon. E-text is available.

Prerequisites

[ECO208Y1](#)/ [ECO202Y1](#)(70%)/ [ECO209Y1](#); [ECO220Y1](#)(70%)/ [ECO227Y1](#)/ ([STA237H1](#)(70%), [STA238H1](#)(70%))/ ([STA247H1](#)(70%), [STA248H1](#)(70%))/ ([STA257H1](#), [STA261H1](#))

Recommended Preparation

[MAT235Y1](#)/ [MAT237Y1](#)/ [ECO210H1](#)

**If you do not have the required prerequisites for the class, you will be removed from the course by Arts and Science. I am not able to wave any prerequisites for the course.

Grading Scheme:

The final grade will be determined as follows:

If both midterms are written:

Final Grade Max (Term 40% & Exam 60%, Term 60% & Exam 40%)

The term grade will be determined by two midterms given during class time in the classroom. The first Midterm will be scheduled for October 16, 2023. The second midterm will be scheduled on November 13, 2023. Each midterm will count for 50% of the term grade. No makeup midterms will be offered.

If *only one midterm* is written because a midterm is missed due to illness:

$$\text{Final Grade} = 30\% \text{ Midterm} + 70\% \text{ Final Exam}$$

If a student is *ill for both* midterms:

$$\text{Final Grade} = 100\% \text{ Exam}$$

MIDTERMS WILL BE GIVEN IN THE NORMAL CLASSROOM. If the location changes, it will be announced in class and posted on the class website.

The Final Exam will be Cumulative and will be given during the normal examination period.

Re-grading Policy: Students who want to have a term test re-graded must submit a re-grade form *within two weeks of receiving the grade*. The re-grade form is available on the class website.

Web-Site: Announcements, lecture notes, suggested problems, and any other class-related material will be posted on the class website. Suggested sample problems will be assigned for each topic but will not be graded.

E-mail Policy: The best form of communication in this course is in person, either with me or the TAs during lecture, tutorials, and office hours. In the event that an e-mail communication is needed, please make sure to always identify yourself and to use your UTOR e-mail account (the “utoronto” account). E-mails from other accounts may not reach my INBOX. Please place ECO325 in the subject portion of the email. Failure to do so may result in longer response times.

Academic integrity: The University of Toronto seeks to maintain the highest levels of Academic integrity to protect the value of your education and the degrees earned here at the University. As such, it is important for all students to familiarize themselves with the University’s Code of Behaviour on Academic Matters. The following link outlines offences under the code: <http://www.governingcouncil.utoronto.ca/Assets/Governing+Council+Digital+Assets/Policies/PDF/ppjun011995.pdf>

According to Section B, it is an offence for students to:

- (1) Receive unauthorized assistance on any assignment, test or examination.
- (2) Provide unauthorized assistance to any other student on tests, assignments or examinations.
- (3) Falsify or alter any documentation required by the University.
- (4) Use or possess any unauthorized aids in any test or exam
- (5) Continue writing on any test or exam papers when the time is up.
- (6) Submitting medical documentation for missed work, tests or examination when the student is not actually sick.
- (7) Plagiarize.

These are among the most common offences. However, it should be noted that there are other offences covered under the Code, and students are responsible for being familiar with all of them. The website of the Office of Student Academic Integrity has additional information for students at <https://www.artsci.utoronto.ca/current/academic-advising-and-support/student-academic-integrity>

Outline:

This course is designed for majors and specialists in economics who wish to prepare for graduate work in economics and /or expand their understanding of modern macroeconomics theory. During this half course students will develop analytical skills in solving and constructing macroeconomic models. The advanced topics covered will include topics such as: growth theory and the Solow growth model, theories of consumption, investment and savings, general equilibrium models, and business cycles theory.

Policy on Illness and Make-up Midterm

If a student is ill for a midterm examination, the student must follow the procedures of the Department of Economics and the University outlines on the website:

<https://www.artsci.utoronto.ca/current/academics/student-absences>

Two steps must be taken to make the student eligible for a shifting of term weights.

First, the student should email me within 48 hours of missing the test if medically able.

Second, the proper supporting documentation needs to be provided within a week (if medically able)

- If this is the first illness specified for ANY class this term, you are able to self-declare the illness on ACORN, and provide this documentation to me. All absences may be verified by the department to confirm that this is a first time use for the term. Note that current policy states that **A student may only self-declare one absence (of up to seven consecutive days) per term (not per course).**
- If you have previously specified an illness on ACORN for the term, students should provide one of the alternate pieces of documentation along with an ACORN declaration.
 - [U of T Verification of Illness or Injury Form \(VOI\)](#)
 - College Registrar's letter
 - Letter of Academic Accommodation from Accessibility Services

Failure to complete these two steps for non-medical reasons will render the student ineligible to shift the weight of the missed term test and a grade of zero will be assigned.

If a student misses a midterm examination for a non-medical reason or an illness is expected to last for more than 7 days, the student should contact their College Registrar's office. If you are uncertain about the required documentation in a particular case, the College Registrar should be able to help the student decide on an appropriate course of action.

Accessibility

The University of Toronto is committed to accessibility. If you require accommodations for a disability, or have any accessibility concerns about the course, the classroom or course materials, please contact Accessibility Services as soon as possible: accessibility.services@utoronto.ca or <https://www.studentlife.utoronto.ca/as>.

Notification of Class or Office Hour Cancellations

Each day before class check the class page on portal to see if class or office hours are cancelled due to illness.

Rescheduling of Class or Office hours

In the event I need to cancel a class, I will attempt to have a guest lecturer take the class, and will make alternate arrangements for office hours. However, if no alternate lecturer can be found for class, the material may be presented during the tutorial hour of the course time slot.

Missed Lecture Notes

When giving lectures, I handwrite the notes on a tablet computer. These notes will be available to students on the portal.

Relevant Dates:

September 4 – First day of Class (no tutorial)

September 11 – Class is from *10am-1pm

September 18 – First tutorial (2 hours) 10-12am

September 25 – Class is from *10am-1pm

October 2 – Class 10am-12pm, Tutorial 12-1pm

October 9 – Class 10am-12pm, Tutorial 12-1pm

October 16 – First midterm (Written in classroom)

October 23 – Class 10am-12pm

October 28-31 – Fall break, no classes, tutorials or office hours this week

November 4 – Last Date to Drop F courses

November 5 – Class 10am-12pm, Tutorial 12-1pm

November 13 – Second midterm (Written in classroom)

November 20 – Class 10am-12pm, Tutorial 12-1pm

November 27 – Last class and review session