

## Course Syllabus

### EC 390 A & B – Intermediate Macroeconomics II

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#### Course Overview

Macroeconomics is the study of economic aggregates. This course introduces the microfoundations of macroeconomics. The role of intertemporal choice is emphasized using plane geometry and intermediate algebra; the ability to understand and use diagrams is extremely desirable. The objective is to familiarize students with the intuition of various macroeconomic concepts in the simplest possible setting. Prerequisites: EC290

#### Course Materials

There is one required book for this course: (Textbook) Stephen D. Williamson, 2017, Macroeconomics, Fifth Canadian Edition, Pearson Education. You are automatically enrolled in a digital textbook subscription through the bookstore and available in MyLearningSpace. Please note that you will have free access to the textbook for the first week of class. You must opt-out of the purchase by the end of the week otherwise you will be charged (see below for details).

#### MyLearningSpace

This course is administered through MyLearningSpace on [mylearningspace.wlu.ca](https://mylearningspace.wlu.ca). There will be no in-person lectures during the summer of 2020. The title of this course on MLS is *EC-390-A-B-Intermediate Macroecon II*. This website contains all course content: syllabus, lecture notes, recorded lectures, notifications, surveys, and access to the digital textbook. The assignments, midterms and exams will be administered on this website. Check the website frequently for important announcements.

## Course Evaluation

Item	Weight	Due Date
Participation	6%	Semester long
Assignment 1	10%	October 4 <sup>th</sup> , 6 p.m.
Online Midterm Exam 1	15%	October 9 <sup>th</sup> , 6 – 7:20 p.m.
Assignment 2	10%	November 22 <sup>nd</sup> , 6 p.m.
Online Midterm Exam 2	15%	November 27 <sup>th</sup> , 6 – 7:20 p.m.
Online Final Exam	44%	TBD
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>	

Note: Fall term reading week Oct 12 - Oct 16, no lectures or tutorials.

## Assignments

Two assignments will be posted on MyLearningSpace at least two weeks before the due date. The assignments' exercises are designed to prepare students for being macroeconomists as well as for exam questions. Students will work on assignments individually. Assignments will be due by 6 p.m. on the due date on Dropbox in MyLearningSpace. Late assignments will *not* be accepted. There will be *no exceptions* to this rule. Each assignment will be worth 10 percent of the final grade. However, if *both* assignments are submitted, I will *automatically* take the highest assignment grade for the full 20 percent.

## Exams

There are two online midterm exams to be held in MyLearningSpace outside of class time. Each exam will be worth 15% of the final grade. The online midterm exams will include everything covered in the assignments. All students are required to write both midterm exams. If you do miss a midterm exam, there will not be a make-up midterm exam. However, if appropriate and timely documentation is provided the weight will be transferred to the final exam.

The final online exam will be held in MyLearningSpace at a date to be set by the University. The final exam will include all the material covered in the course. If you wrote *both* online midterm exams and end up with a higher grade on the final exam than one of midterm exams, the weight of the midterm with the lowest grade will *automatically* be transferred to the final exam. Students are required to be available for examinations during the examination period.

## Participation

The participation component of the grade will involve two online surveys (2 grade points each) to be posted on MyLearningSpace as well as presence at a minimum of two synchronous online tutorials (1 grade point each). The surveys must be fully submitted to count and there will be no deadline extensions. The participation requirement for tutorials can be waved at the discretion of the professor if prior notice is given. The tutorials are required content and will be recorded and posted. The tutorials will consist of practice questions for the exams, review the assignments and midterms, general advice, and answer student questions. Tutorials jointly serve as office hours and questions should be asked at these sessions.

## Tentative Course Outline

Lectures	Topics	Readings
1	Introduction to Intermediate Macroeconomics	Williamson Ch. 1
2	Measurement of Aggregates	Williamson Ch. 2
3	Business Cycle Measurement	Williamson Ch. 3
4	Consumer and Firm Micro-Foundations	Williamson Ch. 4
5	Intro to One-Period Models	Williamson Ch. 5 pages 123-135
6	One-Period Models	Williamson Ch. 5 pages 123-135
7	Policy in One-Period Models	Williamson Ch. 5 page 135 on
8	Intro to Two-Period Models	Williamson Ch. 9 to page 278
9	Two-Period Models	Williamson Ch. 9 pages 278-292
10	Policy in Two-Period Models	Williamson Ch. 9 page 229 on
11	Credit in Two-Period Models	Williamson Ch. 10
12	A Real Intertemporal Investment Model	Williamson Ch. 11

Note: Portions of some of the chapters may be skipped. Updates will be provided in class.

### Accessible Learning:

Students with disabilities or special needs are advised to contact Laurier's Accessible Learning Centre for information regarding its services and resources.

## **General Information Regarding Digital Textbook Access (DTA)**

You are enrolled in a Digital Textbook Access course. Access to these digital materials is free for the first week of your course(s). You need to opt out of the program if you do not choose to access the digital materials or you have sourced the materials elsewhere. If you do not opt out of the program, the charges will be applied to your LORIS account and will appear on the next month's invoice. You will receive several emails from the bookstore with the deadline dates to opt-out.

**DTA Opt Out Deadline: Sept. 24, 2020**

## **Accessing MyLearningSpace and Digital Textbook Access (DTA, from Pearson)**

1. How do I log into MyLearningSpace (MyLS)?
  - a. Login to MyLS at <https://mylearningspace.wlu.ca>. This takes you to a single sign on page for MyLS where you can enter your credentials, which are the same as those used for wifi and (your Laurier) email.
  - b. Information for Laurier students is available here:  
<https://students.wlu.ca/services-and-spaces/tech-services/accounts-and-passwords.html>.
  - c. Once logged in then scroll down to My Courses
  - d. Select "EC-390-A-B - Intermediate Macroecon II"
  - e. Scroll to content browser for DTA resources & the e-reader platform

## **Paying for and opting out of Digital Textbook Access, i.e. Pearson**

1. Do not pay for access to the resources online through the Publisher website as your Laurier student account is already automatically charged.
2. Billing for DTA resources
  - a. The charges for the DTA resources will be billed to your LORIS Account after the opt out deadline
  - b. The charges show up as a line item with the code DBK and the charge for the resources (including HST)
  - c. The charges typically appear on your Laurier account approximately 4 weeks after the start of the term and an invoice payment deadline is included.
3. Opting out.
  - a. PLEASE ENSURE YOU CHECK YOUR @mylaurier.ca email regularly during the first 2-3 weeks of your course.
  - b. You will be sent a Welcome email outlining how the Digital Textbook Access program works approximately 1 week prior to the start of classes
  - c. One week prior to the opt out deadline you will be sent the first communication about how to opt out if you do not want to continue using the DTA resources or you have secured the resources elsewhere.
  - d. One day prior to the opt out deadline you will receive another communication regarding the opt out process and deadlines.

- e. The communications have an opt out link embedded in the email so it is as simple as clicking on this link and selecting the OPT OUT option.
4. If you have questions about this process please email [digitaltextaccess@wlu.ca](mailto:digitaltextaccess@wlu.ca). You may also contact the Course Materials Customer Service desk in the Bookstore.

## **Intellectual Property**

The educational materials developed for this course, including, but not limited to, lecture notes and slides, handout materials, examinations and assignments, and any materials posted to MyLearningSpace, are the intellectual property of the course instructor. These materials have been developed for student use only and they are not intended for wider dissemination and/or communication outside of a given course. Posting or providing unauthorized audio, video, or textual material of lecture content to third-party websites violates an instructor's intellectual property rights, and the Canadian Copyright Act. Recording lectures in any way is prohibited in this course unless specific permission has been granted by the instructor. Failure to follow these instructions may be in contravention of the university's Code of Student Conduct and/or Code of Academic Conduct, and will result in appropriate penalties. Participation in this course constitutes an agreement by all parties to abide by the relevant University Policies, and to respect the intellectual property of others during and after their association with Wilfrid Laurier University.

## **Recording Synchronous (live) Class Sessions Statement**

Synchronous (live) class sessions will be delivered in this course through a video conferencing platform supported by the university (Zoom). Steps have been taken to protect the security of the information shared. For more information about Zoom and Office365 (including Teams), please visit ICT's Tech Support and Services page.

Class sessions will be recorded with the video, audio and transcription made available to students in the course in MyLearningSpace for the duration of the term. The recordings may capture your name, image or voice through the video and audio recordings. By attending in these live classes, you are consenting to the collection of this information for the purposes of administering the class and associated course work. If you are concerned about the use or collection of your name and other personal information in the class, please contact the course instructor to identify possible alternatives.

To learn more about how your personal information is collected, used and disclosed by the University, please see Laurier's Notice of Collection, Use and Disclosure of Personal Information.

## Academic Misconduct

Laurier is committed to a culture of integrity within and beyond the classroom. This culture values trustworthiness (i.e., honesty, integrity, reliability), fairness, caring, respect, responsibility and citizenship. As a Laurier student you are responsible for familiarizing yourself with this policy and the accompanying penalty guidelines, some of which may appear on your transcript if there is a finding of misconduct. For information on categories of offenses and types of penalty, please consult Laurier's [academic integrity](#) website. Ignorance is not a defense. If you need clarification of aspects of University policy on Academic and Research Misconduct, please consult your instructor. **Software will be used to check for plagiarism on assignments. Students will be required to submit their written work in electronic form to have it checked for plagiarism.**

## Resources:

- [Academic Calendar](#): Review the Academic Calendar for information regarding all important dates, deadlines, and services available on campus.
- [Waterloo Student Wellness Centre](#): 519-884-0710, x3146. The Centre supports the physical, emotional, and mental health needs of students. Located on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Student Services Building, booked and same-day appointments are available Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays from 8:30 am to 7:30 pm, and Thursdays and Fridays from 8:30 am to 4:15 pm. Contact the Centre at x3146, [wellness@wlu.ca](mailto:wellness@wlu.ca) or @LaurierWellness. After hours crisis support available 24/7. Call 1-844-437-3247 (HERE247).
- [Good2Talk](#) is a postsecondary school helpline that provides free, professional and confidential counselling support for students in Ontario. Call 1-866-925-5454 or through 2-1-1. Available 24-7.
- [Waterloo Foot Patrol](#): 519.886.FOOT (3668). Foot Patrol is a volunteer operated safe-walk program, available Fall and Winter daily from 6:30 pm to 3 am. Teams of two are assigned to escort students to and from campus by foot or by van.
- [Waterloo Student Food Bank](#): All students are eligible to use this service to ensure they're eating healthy when overwhelmed, stressed or financially strained. Anonymously request a package online 24-7. All dietary restrictions accommodated.
- [Mathematics and Statistics Learning Support \(MaSt\)](#): MaSt offers diagnostic and review services to refresh your knowledge in fundamental math skills. Support includes weekly homework sessions and drop-in help. All students are eligible to use this service. Office Location: P215, Peters Building (Waterloo).