

Course Outline

Department of Economics
School of Business and Economics

**ECON 2430-3
Global and Canadian Economics Issues (3,0,0)**

Calendar Description

Students examine a variety of economic issues facing the Canadian and world economies. The topics discussed each semester vary and may include economic crisis, environmental challenges, 'big' business and multinational corporations, globalization, free trade, health care, education, poverty, and the economics of crime.

Educational Objectives/Outcomes

Upon completing this course, students will be able to:

1. Critique general access economic and financial papers.
2. Apply basic economic tools to current Canadian and global economic issues.
3. Discuss the difference between economic facts and personal beliefs.
4. Describe the roles of facts and beliefs in the success and failure of economic policy.

Prerequisites

ECON 1220 or both ECON 1900 and ECON 1950

Co-requisites

Texts/Materials

Fellows, Flanagan, Shedd, Economic Issues: A Canadian Perspective.

Student Evaluation

Assignments	45%
Midterm	25%
Final exam	30%

Course Topics

1. Current global economic crisis: symptoms, causes, and (hopefully) cures
2. Pollution, global warming, carbon taxes, cap and trade
3. Free trade
4. Smoking
5. Casino gambling
6. Alternate economic systems
7. Problems associated with “big business”
8. Poverty
9. Economics of crime
10. Health
11. Education
12. Inflation and unemployment
13. Economics of sports
14. Immigration and discrimination
15. Resource economics
16. Privatization and the role of government in a market economy
17. Quebec sovereignty
18. Economics of terrorism

Topics will vary somewhat to incorporate current economic events and student requests.

Methods for Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition

As per TRU policy

Attendance Requirements – Include if different from TRU Policy

As per TRU policy

Special Course Activities – Optional

Use of Technology – Optional