**Course Outline**

**ACADIA UNIVERSITY**

**ECONOMICS 3133X1**

**ECONOMICS OF FINANCIAL MARKETS**

Dr. Brian VanBlarcom                                      Fall Term 2020

Office: BAC 342                                                          1-2 pm Slot 4

Tel: 585-1137                                                              Classroom: BAC 236

Office hours: by appointment, contact me via email to schedule an appointment

Economics 3133 deals with the economic characteristics, functions and performance of financial markets. Topics include financial intermediation, pricing of financial assets, definitions and measurement of risk, interest rate and foreign exchange rate determination.  These topics will be reviewed in relation to current economic conditions and policies in Canada and internationally.

**TIME: (slot 4) Monday, Wednesday and Friday 1-2 pm LOCATION:** **BAC 236**

**Important Note: Given COVID-19 classroom capacity constraints, only those students with a surname (last name) between A and K will attend on Mondays and students with a surname (last name) between M and Z will attend on Wednesday. The instructor will be available to answer questions related to the weekly assignment material during each of the Friday class periods. No one is obligated to attend the Friday session but anyone (regardless of surname) can do so.**

**The instructor reserves the right to further sub-divide the class if necessitated due to COVID-19 restrictions, classroom capacity/workability. Keep in mind that this class in designed for students to learn the relevant concepts by working through the material and completing the weekly assignments. Class attendance is not part of the grade determination.**

The Friday class time question answering sessions held during class time will substitute for office hours. If you are having difficulties and have questions, then do not hesitate to take advantage of the opportunity to get assistance by attending one of these sessions. You can contact me by email to schedule an appointment if you feel it is necessary.

**TEXT: The economics of Money, Banking and Financial Markets, written by F. Mishkin and A. Serletis, 7th Canadian Edition Published by Pearson Canada Toronto, 2016.**

The text will be supplemented by additional readings and websites where applicable.

**Schedule of Topics: See ACORN**

**Grade Determination: Total**

10 Assignments (@ 10%) 100%

**Alphanumeric Grading Scale**

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| A+: 90-100 A : 85-89 A-: 80-84 | B+: 77-79 B : 73-76 B-: 70-72 | C+: 67-69 C : 63-66 C-: 60-62 | D+: 57-59 D : 53-56 D-: 50-52 | F: <50 |

Assignments

**The due dates for all assignments are on ACORN.**

**The assignments are to be done individually, typed or neatly handed written. All diagrams must be accurately labelled and any questions that requires calculations must show these calculations. Assignments are submitted electronically on ACORN.**. **Late assignments will not be accepted.**

Academic Integrity

Plagiarism and cheating of any kind will not be tolerated in this course. Consult the following website <http://library.acadiau.ca/guides/plagiarism/student/> over what constitutes cheating/plagiarism and the university policies regarding cheating/plagiarism. The **minimum** penalty for any student caught cheating/plagiarizing will be expulsion from the class and a zero grade.

**Students with disabilities that affect learning:**

If you are a student with documentation for accommodations or if you anticipate needing supports or accommodations, please contact Marissa McIsaac, Accessibility Resource Facilitator at 902-585-1520, [disability.access@acadiau.ca](mailto:disability.access@acadiau.ca) or Emily Duffett, Accessibility Officer, [disability.access@acadiau.ca](mailto:disability.access@acadiau.ca). Accessible Learning Services is located in Rhodes Hall, rooms 111-115.

**Writing Centre**

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* To see which helpful presentations and workshops you’ll want to attend this year, click here:

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