**Course Outline**

**ACADIA UNIVERSITY**

**ECONOMICS 3133X1**

**ECONOMICS OF FINANCIAL MARKETS**

Dr. Brian VanBlarcom                                      Winter Term 2022

Office: BAC 342                                                          Mon/Wed 2:30-4pm (slot 6)

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Office hours: to be determined, contact me via email if you have any questions

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: Monday and Wednesday, 2:30 - 4 pm (slot 6) LOCATION:** **BAC 137**

**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.**

**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

Assignments are submitted electronically on ACORN. The due dates for all assignments are on ACORN beside the “Drop Box.” Please include, your last name(s), course number and assignment number in the file name when submitting.

The assignments are to be done individually or with another person. If you are doing the assignments with another person, be sure to put both last names in the file name and both full names on the assignment. Assignments must be typed or neatly (if I cannot read it, I have no choice but to issue a zero grade) hand-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.

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