

Course Outline

ACADIA UNIVERSITY

ECONOMICS 3133X1

ECONOMICS OF FINANCIAL MARKETS

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Winter Term 2025

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Mon/Wed 2:30 – 3:50 pm (slot 6)

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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 135

TEXT Optional: 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:

3 Assignments (@ 5 each).	15%
5 quizzes (@ 2 each).	10%
3 tests (@15% each).	45%
Exam	<u>35%</u>
Total	105%

Alphanumeric Grading Scale

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

Assignments

All assignments must be printed/neatly hand-written and handed in to me in paper form no later than 2:30 pm on the due date. Electronic assignment submissions are not acceptable. **Late assignments will not be accepted.**

Quizzes

There will be no advance warnings for the quizzes. No make-up quizzes will be written. The marks for missed quizzes are forfeited. The quizzes will be brief and based on recent material covered or assigned readings. These quizzes are designed to encourage (coerce is such a strong word) students to keep up with the course content. Students get to keep all the marks accumulated by writing quizzes. The syllabus sums to 105% so a portion of the quiz grades can be considered bonus grades. Keep in mind you can miss two quizzes and still make 100% for a final grade.

Tests

The test dates are given below. If you miss a test, there will not be a make-up. The weight of that test will be moved to the final exam.

Important Dates:

Assignment 1 Wednesday January 29

Test 1 Wednesday February 5

Assignment 2 Wednesday Feb 26

Test 2 Wednesday March 5

Assignment 3 Wednesday March 19

Test 3 Wednesday March 26

Final Exam - TBA

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