

**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**