

COURSE OUTLINE

ECMC31

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Wednesday 7-10pm

MW 140

Office hours

Wednesdays before class (MW377) ~5:30-7

Thursdays (MW377) 3-6

Send me an e-mail (put ECMC31 in subject line)

Tutorials

Usually the last hour of class. Important.

Teaching Style

See UTSC Intranet for notes and your marks.

You'll need to make notes on my slides.

Lots of practice questions.

Evaluation

Midterm 35% (October 22, 2008)

Final 65% (see final exam schedule when published)

Note that the drop date for Fall classes is November 16th.

Tentative Outline of Topics

Topic 1: Introduction and Discussion of Criteria for Taxation

Topic 2: Tax Incidence/Tax Shifting

Topic 3: Taxation and Efficiency/Optimal Taxation (2 lectures)

Topic 4: Personal Income Taxation (2 lectures)

Midterm

Optional Topics (we'll only have time for some of these)

Consumption and Sales Taxation

Taxation and Behaviour

Corporate Taxation

International Taxation

Tax Competition

Environmental Taxation

Textbook (not required but should be in bookstore)

Public Finance in Canada by Rosen et al. (2008)