



Economics (ECON) 300

Financial Economics (Revision 2)

Delivery mode: Individualized study online [↗](#) or Grouped study [↗](#)

Credits: 3

Areas of study: Applied Studies (Business and Administrative Studies) or Social Science. ECON 300 can be used to fulfill the Applied Studies (Business and Administrative Studies) area of study by credential students only.

Prerequisites: Either **ACCT250** [↗](#) or **ACCT253** [↗](#) as well as either **MGSC301** [↗](#) or **MATH215** [↗](#) or equivalents or with professor's approval.

Precluded: FNCE 234 and/or **FNCE 300**. ECON 300 is cross-listed—listed under two different disciplines—with FNCE 300. ECON 300 may not be taken for credit if credit has already been obtained for FNCE 300 or FNCE 234.

Challenge: ECON 300 has a challenge for credit option.

Faculty: [Faculty of Business](#) [↗](#)

Status: Replaced with new revision, see the **course listing** [↗](#) for the current revision **✕**

Notes: Students registering in grouped study mode are advised that there may be some differences in the evaluation and course materials information indicated below. To obtain the most up-to-date information, contact the Faculty of Business Student Support Centre at 1-800-468-6531.

Overview

ECON 300: Financial Economics is a three-credit course that introduces basic principles of finance. Students will develop a fundamental understanding of the finance world, which will build a base for pursuing a career in the financial services industry

Outline

- Lesson 1: Financial Economics
- Lesson 2: Financial Markets and Institutions
- Lesson 3: Managing Financial Health and Performance
- Lesson 4: Allocating Resources Over Time
- Lesson 5: Household Saving and Investment Decisions
- Lesson 6: The Analysis of Investment Projects
- Lesson 7: Principles of Market Evaluation

- Lesson 8: Valuation of Known Cash Flows: Bonds
- Lesson 9: Valuation of Common Stocks
- Lesson 10: Principles of Risk Management
- Lesson 11: Hedging, Insuring, and Diversifying

Evaluation


To **receive credit** [↗](#) in ECON 300, you must achieve a composite course grade of at least a **D (50 percent)** [📄](#) and a grade of at least 50 percent on the final examination. The weighting of the composite course grade is as follows:

Activity	Weight
Assignment 1	20%
Assignment 2	20%
Assignment 3	20%
Final Online Exam	40%
Total	100%

The **final examination** for this course must be taken online with an AU-approved exam invigilator at an approved invigilation centre. It is your responsibility to ensure your chosen invigilation centre can accommodate online exams. For a list of invigilators who can accommodate online exams, visit the **Exam Invigilation Network** [↗](#).

To learn more about assignments and examinations, please refer to Athabasca University's **online Calendar** [↗](#).

Materials

Bodie, Z., Merton, R. C., & Cleeton, D. L. (2009). *Financial economics* (2nd ed.). Upper Saddle River, NJ: Pearson Education.  (PDF)

Other Materials

A Texas Instruments financial calculator is included in your course materials package. All other materials will be available online.

Challenge for credit

Overview

The challenge for credit process allows you to demonstrate that you have acquired a command of the general subject matter, knowledge, intellectual and/or other skills that would normally be found in a university-level course.

Full information about **challenge for credit**  can be found in the Undergraduate Calendar.

Evaluation



To **receive credit**  for the ECON 300 challenge registration, you must achieve a grade of at least **D (50 percent)**  on the examination.

Paper Exam (3 hours)



Challenge for credit course registration form

Important links

- › **Academic advising** 
- › **Program planning** 

› [Request assistance](#) 

› [Support services](#) 

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