ECON6050
Applied Economic Analysis
Session 1, Special circumstances 2021
Department of Economics

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Notice
As part of Phase 3 of our return to campus plan, most units will now run tutorials, seminars and other small group activities on campus, and most will keep an online version available to those students unable to return or those who choose to continue their studies online.

To check the availability of face-to-face activities for your unit, please go to timetable viewer. To check detailed information on unit assessments visit your unit’s iLearn space or consult your unit convenor.
General Information

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Credit points
10

Prerequisites
Admission to MAppEcon

Corequisites
ECON6049

Co-badged status

Unit description
This unit builds on the foundations provided by ECON6049 to develop the technical and analytical aspects of intermediate economics, with a focus on policy and application. The unit introduces students to the behaviour of individuals, businesses and governments in contemporary economic settings, and provides a deeper understanding of how the economy works as an integrated whole. In so doing it allows students to understand economic policy and apply it to specific contexts, utilising a wide range of models to investigate contemporary economic issues, drawn domestically and internationally.

Important Academic Dates
Information about important academic dates including deadlines for withdrawing from units are available at https://students.mq.edu.au/important-dates

Learning Outcomes
On successful completion of this unit, you will be able to:

ULO1: Explain how economic concepts can be applied to a variety of economic problems and issues.
ULO3: Select, justify and utilise appropriate language and analytical structure to formulate appropriate solutions to complex economic issues.
ULO2: Critically evaluate the applicability of economic theory to real world challenges.
ULO4: Analyse and frame contemporary issues and challenges facing society, business and government.
**Assessment Tasks**

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**Applications**

Assessment Type ¹: Case study/analysis  
Indicative Time on Task ²: 40 hours  
Due: **Weeks 5,10**  
Weighting: **40%**

There will be two 1,000 word reports, with a focus on contemporary issues drawn from domestic and international examples.

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- Critically evaluate the applicability of economic theory to real world challenges.
- Analyse and frame contemporary issues and challenges facing society, business and government.

**Discussion Blog**

Assessment Type ¹: Reflective Writing  
Indicative Time on Task ²: 20 hours  
Due: **Fortnightly, starting Week 3**  
Weighting: **30%**

Every two weeks, students are required to make a brief individual blog entry on iLearn, reflecting on the topic, material and discussions. There will be a total of six blogs.
On successful completion you will be able to:

- Explain how economic concepts can be applied to a variety of economic problems and issues.
- Select, justify and utilise appropriate language and analytical structure to formulate appropriate solutions to complex economic issues.
- Critically evaluate the applicability of economic theory to real world challenges.

Case Study Presentation

Assessment Type 1: Presentation
Indicative Time on Task 2: 25 hours
Due: Weeks 7,13
Weighting: 30%

There will be two occasions during the session when students are required to submit a video presentation. One will be drawn from microeconomics, and the other, from macroeconomics. Students are expected to draw on economic theory and knowledge to address contemporary challenges.

On successful completion you will be able to:

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- Critically evaluate the applicability of economic theory to real world challenges.
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1 If you need help with your assignment, please contact:
   - the academic teaching staff in your unit for guidance in understanding or completing this type of assessment
   - the Learning Skills Unit for academic skills support.

2 Indicative time-on-task is an estimate of the time required for completion of the assessment task and is subject to individual variation
Delivery and Resources
Lectures will be recorded and there will be a Zoom workshop held weekly.

Policies and Procedures
Macquarie University policies and procedures are accessible from Policy Central. Students should be aware of the following policies in particular with regard to Learning and Teaching:

- Academic Appeals Policy
- Academic Integrity Policy
- Academic Progression Policy
- Assessment Policy
- Fitness to Practice Procedure
- Grade Appeal Policy
- Complaint Management Procedure for Students and Members of the Public
- Special Consideration Policy (Note: The Special Consideration Policy is effective from 4 December 2017 and replaces the Disruption to Studies Policy.)

Students seeking more policy resources can visit the Student Policy Gateway. It is your one-stop-shop for the key policies you need to know about throughout your undergraduate student journey.

If you would like to see all the policies relevant to Learning and Teaching visit Policy Central.

Student Code of Conduct
Macquarie University students have a responsibility to be familiar with the Student Code of Conduct: https://students.mq.edu.au/admin/other-resources/student-conduct

Results
Results published on platform other than eStudent, (eg. iLearn, Coursera etc.) or released directly by your Unit Convenor, are not confirmed as they are subject to final approval by the University. Once approved, final results will be sent to your student email address and will be made available in eStudent. For more information visit ask.mq.edu.au or if you are a Global MBA student contact globalmba.support@mq.edu.au

Student Support
Macquarie University provides a range of support services for students. For details, visit http://students.mq.edu.au/support/
Learning Skills

Learning Skills (mq.edu.au/learningskills) provides academic writing resources and study strategies to help you improve your marks and take control of your study.

- Getting help with your assignment
- Workshops
- StudyWise
- Academic Integrity Module

The Library provides online and face to face support to help you find and use relevant information resources.

- Subject and Research Guides
- Ask a Librarian

Student Enquiry Service

For all student enquiries, visit Student Connect at ask.mq.edu.au

If you are a Global MBA student contact globalmba.support@mq.edu.au

Equity Support

Students with a disability are encouraged to contact the Disability Service who can provide appropriate help with any issues that arise during their studies.

IT Help

For help with University computer systems and technology, visit http://www.mq.edu.au/about_us/offices_and_units/information_technology/help/.

When using the University's IT, you must adhere to the Acceptable Use of IT Resources Policy. The policy applies to all who connect to the MQ network including students.

Changes from Previous Offering

This is the first offering of this unit.