



ECON1021

Economics and the Global Economy

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Department of Economics

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General Information

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See iLearn

Credit points

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Prerequisites

Corequisites

Co-badged status

Unit description

This unit extends the concepts introduced in ECON1020 to analyse economy-wide employment, economic activity, inflation and financial market prices such as interest rates and exchange rates. It covers the sources of long-run economic growth, especially specialisation and trade and technology innovation and diffusion, and their impact on wages inequality. It outlines why short-run business cycles occur and how they can be addressed by budgetary and interest rate policies. The unit also focuses on the importance of well-functioning financial markets and recent economic crises.

Important Academic Dates

Information about important academic dates including deadlines for withdrawing from units are available at <https://www.mq.edu.au/study/calendar-of-dates>

Learning Outcomes

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

ULO1: Identify and explain the importance of the appropriate management of national, social, business and individual economic affairs over the short and longer run.

ULO2: Understand how principles of economics are relevant to an understanding of aggregate decision-making by individuals, business and government.

ULO3: Apply theory and concepts to solve real-life economic challenges.

ULO4: Critically evaluate economic policy trade-offs and choices from a broad

perspective.

General Assessment Information

Late Submission Penalties:

If you submit your assessment late, 5% of the total possible marks will be deducted for each day (including weekends), up to 7 days. Submissions more than 7 days late will receive a mark of 0.

Example 1 (out of 100):

If you score 85/100 but submit **20 hours late**, you will lose **5 marks** and receive **80/100**.

Example 2 (out of 30):

If you score 27/30 but submit **20 hours late**, you will lose **1.5 marks** and receive **25.5/30**.

Extensions

Automatic short extension: Some assessments are eligible for automatic short extension. You can only apply for an automatic short extension before the due date.

Special Consideration: If you need more time due to serious issues and for any assessments that are not eligible for Short Extension, you must apply for Special Consideration. Need help? Review the [Special Consideration page](#) for further details.

Please note that *Professional Practice* is the only assessment in ECON1021 that is eligible for short extensions.

Assessment Tasks

Name	Weighting	Hurdle	Due	Groupwork/Individual	Short Extension	AI Approach
Skills development: Economics in practice	20%	No	Week 5 (during your registered tutorial)	Individual	No	Observed
Professional practice: Expert interview	30%	No	06/10/2026	Individual	Yes	Open
Final examination	50%	No	Exam Period	Individual	No	Observed

Skills development: Economics in practice

Assessment Type ¹: Problem-based task

Indicative Time on Task ²: 12 hours

Due: **Week 5 (during your registered tutorial)**

Weighting: **20%**

Groupwork/Individual: Individual

Short extension ³: No

AI Approach: Observed

The purpose of this assessment is for you to develop technical and analytical skills to tackle complex economic issues.

You will undertake one quiz to check your understanding of the material covered in tutorials.

Skills in focus:

- Critical thinking and problem solving
- Discipline knowledge
- Digital skills

Deliverable(s): One quiz

Individual assessment

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Understand how principles of economics are relevant to an understanding of aggregate decision-making by individuals, business and government.
- Apply theory and concepts to solve real-life economic challenges.
- Critically evaluate economic policy trade-offs and choices from a broad perspective.

Professional practice: Expert interview

Assessment Type ¹: Professional task

Indicative Time on Task ²: 10 hours

Due: **06/10/2026**

Weighting: **30%**

Groupwork/Individual: Individual

Short extension ³: Yes

AI Approach: Open

The purpose of this assessment is for you to explore the premise of economic decision making and how the surrounding environment informs our understanding and choices, in order to develop an appreciation of the strengths and limitations of the macroeconomic approach.

You will conduct a narrative interview and report on your interviewees' understanding of the processes that operate in a market-based economy and the implied role for government. The interview will be based on common topics discussed in the media.

Skills in focus:

- Critical thinking and problem solving
- Collaboration and communication
- Discipline knowledge

Deliverable(s): Narrative Report [max 1000 words]

Individual assessment

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Identify and explain the importance of the appropriate management of national, social, business and individual economic affairs over the short and longer run.
- Critically evaluate economic policy trade-offs and choices from a broad perspective.

Final examination

Assessment Type ¹: Examination

Indicative Time on Task ²: 40 hours

Due: **Exam Period**

Weighting: **50%**

Groupwork/Individual: Individual

Short extension ³: No

AI Approach: Observed

The purpose of this assessment is for you to formally demonstrate the expertise you have gained in this unit.

You will participate in a 2-hour exam held during the University Examination period.

Important information about the exam will be made available on the unit iLearn page. You should also review the [MQ Exams website](#) for general tips.

Deliverable(s): Formal exam

Individual assessment

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Identify and explain the importance of the appropriate management of national, social, business and individual economic affairs over the short and longer run.
- Understand how principles of economics are relevant to an understanding of aggregate decision-making by individuals, business and government.

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
- [Academic Success](#) 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.

³ An automatic short extension is available for some assessments. Apply through the [Service Connect Portal](#).

Delivery and Resources

See iLearn for details of unit delivery and resources.

Policies and Procedures

Macquarie University policies and procedures are accessible from [Policy Central](#) (<https://policies.mq.edu.au>). 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](#)
- [Assessment Procedure](#)
- [Complaints Resolution Procedure for Students and Members of the Public](#)
- [Special Consideration Policy](#)

Students seeking more policy resources can visit [Student Policies](#) (<https://students.mq.edu.au/support/study/policies>). It is your one-stop-shop for the key policies you need to know about throughout your undergraduate student journey.

To find other policies relating to Teaching and Learning, visit [Policy Central](#) (<https://policies.mq.edu.au>) and use the [search tool](#).

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 connect.mq.edu.au or if you are a Global MBA student contact globalmba.support@mq.edu.au

Academic Integrity

At Macquarie, we believe [academic integrity](#) – honesty, respect, trust, responsibility, fairness and courage – is at the core of learning, teaching and research. We recognise that meeting the expectations required to complete your assessments can be challenging. So, we offer you a range of resources and services to help you reach your potential, including free [online writing and maths support](#), [academic skills development](#) and [wellbeing consultations](#).

Student Support

Macquarie University provides a range of support services for students. For details, visit <http://students.mq.edu.au/support/>

Academic Success

[Academic Success](#) provides resources to develop your English language proficiency, academic writing, and communication skills.

- [Ask a Study Coach](#)
- [Access StudyWISE](#)
- [Upload an assignment to Studiosity](#)
- [Complete the 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 Services and Support

Macquarie University offers a range of [Student Support Services](#) including:

- [IT Support](#)
- [Accessibility and disability support](#) with study
- Mental health [support](#)
- [Safety support](#) to respond to bullying, harassment, sexual harassment and sexual assault
- [Social support including information about finances, tenancy and legal issues](#)
- [Student Advocacy](#) provides independent advice on MQ policies, procedures, and processes

Student Enquiries

Got a question? Ask us via the [Service Connect Portal](#), or contact [Service Connect](#).

IT Help

For help with University computer systems and technology, visit <https://students.mq.edu.au/support/technology/service-desk>.

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.

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