










# Economics (ECON) 300

## Financial Economics (Revision 3)

<b>Status:</b>	Replaced with new revision, see the <a href="#">course listing</a>  for the current revision 
<b>Delivery mode:</b>	<a href="#">Individualized study online</a>  or <a href="#">Grouped study</a> 
<b>Credits:</b>	3
<b>Areas of study:</b>	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.
<b>Prerequisites:</b>	Either <a href="#">ACCT250</a>  or <a href="#">ACCT253</a>  as well as either <a href="#">MGSC301</a>  or <a href="#">MATH215</a>  or equivalents or with professor's approval.
<b>Precluded:</b>	FNCE 234 and/or <a href="#">FNCE 300</a> . 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.
<b>Challenge:</b>	ECON 300 has a challenge for credit option.



**Faculty:****Faculty of Business** 



## 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 Environment
- Lesson 2: Money and the Monetary System
- Lesson 3: Banks and Other Financial Institutions
- Lesson 4: International Finance and Trade
- Lesson 5: Savings and Investment Process
- Lesson 6: Time Value of Money
- Lesson 7: Bonds and Stocks: Characteristics and Valuation
- Lesson 8: Securities and Markets
- Lesson 9: Business Organization and Financial Data
- Lesson 10: Financial Analysis, Long-Term Financial Planning, and Managing Working Capital
- Lesson 11: Capital Budgeting Analysis

## 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 Exam	40%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>

The **final examination** for this course must be requested in advance and written under the supervision of an AU-approved exam invigilator. Invigilators include either ProctorU or an approved in-person invigilation centre that can accommodate online exams. Students are responsible for payment of any invigilation fees. Information on exam request deadlines, invigilators, and other exam-related questions, can be found at the [Exams and grades](#)  section of the Calendar.

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

## Materials

Melicher, R. W., & Norton, E. A. (2020). *Introduction to finance: Markets, investments and financial management* (17th ed.). John Wiley & Sons

Inc. ISBN: 978-1-119-56117-0  (eText)



## 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.

 **Challenge for credit course registration form**

## Important links

- › **Academic advising** 
- › **Program planning** 
- › **Request assistance** 
- › **Support services** 

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