ACT473H1S Course Syllabus WINTER 2019

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Marking Scheme

Attendance & Participation: 100%

Attendance and participation policy for ACT 473

This course does not have a prescribed set of reading material, does not require mid-term or final exams, does not impose weekly graded assignments for completion, and is evaluated on a pass/fail basis rather than by assignment of a specific grade. Successful completion of the course is based on each student's attendance and participation. Since there are no prescribed readings or exams for the course, an autodidactic approach – which might be perfectly suitable for other university courses – is <u>not</u> suitable for ACT473H1. Attendance and participation in the lectures and tutorials are crucial elements in obtaining value from the course.

I'm sure you can appreciate that, if students were allowed <u>not</u> to attend lectures or tutorials, it would be unfair (given the absence of a required reading list and the absence of exams) to grant a passing credit to an individual, simply in exchange for having signed up for the course at the beginning of the semester. In order to maintain the integrity of the credit students earn for this course – and to ensure you gain educational value from the course – we must insist on enforcing an attendance and participation policy.

We therefore remind you that attendance in ACT473H1 is mandatory, and active participation in class is of vital importance, if you wish to receive a passing grade.

We recognise that, in certain extraordinary circumstances, 100% attendance is not necessarily possible. We are therefore prepared to make certain limited exceptions, in situations where students can provide suitable justification. We will allow students latitude if they miss up to two lectures or tutorials, after the January 7th lecture (i.e., a <u>"maximum two missed</u> <u>classes"</u> rule). However, <u>missing three or more lectures or tutorials will result in a failing grade being assigned,</u> <u>unless the student can provide a compelling reason</u> (i.e., a significant and unavoidable problem, such as an exam for another course being scheduled at the same time as your ACT473H1 class, a documented illness, a job interview, an unexpected obligation to care for another family member, etc.).

For those students who missed last week's introductory lecture, this will not count against your limit. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me, your tutorial leader (Shehreen Zaman or Yu Wang)

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