



UNIVERSITY OF
CALGARY

Spring 2014 Course Outline

Course:	ECON 321 [The Global Trading System]	Term:	Spring 2014
Time:	TR 15:00 - 17:45	Section:	01
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Textbook(s):

Krugman, Paul R., Maurice Obstfeld, and Marc J. Melitz (2012). International Economics: Theory & Policy, 9th Edition. [Required]

Feenstra, Robert C., and Alan M. Taylor (2011). International Trade. Worth Publishers, 3rd Edition. [Recommended]

Book(s) on Reserve:

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This course examines the nature, causes and consequences of international trade through introducing an analytical framework. Trade policies will be discussed using the same framework. A list of topics and their corresponding chapters in the text are given below. (Some topics may be added or deleted depending on time constraints.)

Part One: International Trade Theory

Chapter 1 Introduction

Chapter 2 World Trade: An Overview

Chapter 3 Labor Productivity and Comparative Advantage: The Ricardian Model

Chapter 4 Specific Factors and Income Distribution

Chapter 5 Resources and Trade: The Heckscher-Ohlin Model

Chapter 6 The Standard Trade Model

Chapter 7 External Economies of Scale and the International Location of Production
 Chapter 8 Firms in the Global Economy: Export Decision, Outsourcing, and Multinational Enterprises

Part Two: International Trade Policies

Chapter 9 The Instruments of Trade Policy
 Chapter 10 The Political Economy of Trade Policy

Desire2Learn: This course will make use of the Desire2Learn (D2L) platform. Students who are registered in the course can log on at <http://d2l.ucalgary.ca> using or through their student centre. Please note that D2L features a class e-mail list that may be used to distribute course-related information. It is your responsibility to ensure that D2L uses the e-mail address of your choice. The default is your University of Calgary e-mail address.

Grade Determination and Final Examination Details:

Midterm Exam	June 3	30%
Two Assignments		20%
Final Examination		50%

You will have at least one week to complete each of the four assignments. Assignments must be turned in at the start of class on the day that they are due. Late assignments will not be accepted.

Students who are unable to write the midterm because of an illness, family emergency or religious observance will have the midterm weight shifted to the final examination. Documentation MUST be provided.

Tests and final exams are marked on a numerical (percentage) basis, and then converted to letter grades. The course grade is then calculated using the weights indicated above. As a guide to determining standing, these letter grade equivalences will apply:

A+	95 – 100	B	73 - 76	C-	60 - 62
A	85 - 94	B-	70 - 72	D+	56 - 59
A-	80 - 84	C+	67 - 69	D	50 - 55
B+	77 - 79	C	63 - 66	F	0 - 49

A passing grade on any particular component of the course is not required for a student to pass the course as a whole.

Non-programmable calculators WILL be allowed during the writing of tests or final examinations.

There will be a Registrar scheduled final examination, lasting **2** hours.

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Society of Undergraduates in Economics (S.U.E.):

www.ucalgary.ca/sue

Society of Undergraduates in Economics is a student run organization whose main purpose is to assist undergraduate economics students succeed both academically and socially at the University of Calgary. Services include access to the exam bank, career partnerships with the Career Centre through hosting industry nights and information sessions, recognizing achievements in teaching, and organizing social events for members. They invite you to join by contacting sue@ucalgary.ca.

Faculty of Arts Program Advising and Student Information Resources

- Have a question, but not sure where to start? The Faculty of Arts Program Information Centre (PIC) is your information resource for everything in Arts! Drop in at SS102, call them at 403-220-3580 or email them at artsads@ucalgary.ca. You can also visit the Faculty of Arts website at <http://arts.ucalgary.ca/undergraduate> which has detailed information on common academic concerns.
- For program planning and advice, contact the Student Success Centre (formerly the Undergraduate programs Office) at 403-220-5881 or visit them on the 3rd Floor of the Taylor Family Digital Library.
- For registration (add/drop/swap), paying fees and assistance with your Student Centre, contact Enrolment Services at 403-210-ROCK [7625] or visit them in the MacKimmie Library Block.
- Online writing resources are available at <http://ucalgary.ca/ssc/writing-support/online-writing-resources>

Notes:

- It is the student's responsibility to request academic accommodations. If you are a student with a documented disability who may require academic accommodation and have not registered with the Disability Resource Centre, please contact their office at 403-220-8237. Students who have not registered with the Disability Resource Centre are not eligible for formal academic accommodation. You are also required to discuss your needs with your instructor no later than seven (7) days after the start of this course.
- Students seeking reappraisal of a piece of graded term work should discuss their work with the instructor *within seven days* of work being returned to class.

Emergency Assembly Point: Professional Faculties Food Court

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