



Department of Economics Course Outline

Term: Winter 2006

Course: Economics 611.66
Empirical International Trade

Section: 01

Time: MW 13:00 ? 14:15

Place: SS 423

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Textbook(s):

Robert C. Feenstra (2004) Advanced International Trade: Theory and Evidence (Princeton University Press) is recommended.

Readings will be assigned.

Book(s) on Reserve:

None

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This course extends and complements ECON 619/621 by examining trade theory and empirical analysis of trade theory. ECON 619/621 provide the theoretical context and models that form the basis for Econ 611.66 which examines important longstanding as well as contemporary issues in international trade policy.

The course will be conducted as a seminar and will require class participation and involvement including class presentations.

A list of topics and accompanying readings will be made available during the first week of class.

Grade Determination and Final Examination Details:

All students must comply with the regulations published in the University Calendar concerning "Intellectual Honesty," "Examinations," etc. Students will normally be evaluated in accordance with the marking scheme given below:

Seminar presentation	10%
Class participation	10%
Major paper	30%
Written assignments	20%
Final Examination	<u>30%</u>
	100%

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

A+	95-100				
A	>87	B-	70-73	D+	56-59
A-	82-86	C+	67-69	D	50-55
B+	77-81	C	64-66	F	<50
B	74-76	C-	60-63		

If, for some reason, the distribution of grades determined using the aforementioned conversion chart appears to be abnormal the instructor reserves the right to change the grade conversion chart if the instructor, *at the instructor's discretion*, feels it is necessary to more fairly represent student achievement.

Students must successfully complete all components of the course to successfully complete the course. At the instructor's prerogative, Remedial Assignments for partial credit may be requested of students who have attempted term work without achieving passing grades. Any work which is not attempted and submitted will be assigned a grade of zero.

The two hour final examination will be scheduled by the instructor and held in the classroom during the final exam period. Tests and exams involve multiple choice questions.

Notes:

- Students seeking reappraisal of a piece of graded term work (term paper, essay, etc.) should discuss their work with the Instructor within *fifteen* days of the work being returned to the class.

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