



Department of Economics Course Outline

		Term:	Winter 2008
Course:	Economics 321 [The Global Trading System]	Section:	02
Time:	TR 11:00 – 12:15 (02)	Place:	ICT 116 (subject to change)
Instructor:	P. R. Tracey		
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Textbook(s):

Steven Husted and Michael Melvin, *International Economics*, 7th Edition, Pearson, 2007.

Required

Book(s) on Reserve:

None

Blackboard:

This course will make use of Blackboard - students who are registered in this course can log on at <http://blackboard@ucalgary.ca/webapps/login>. Please note that Blackboard features a class e-mail list that I will use. It is your responsibility to ensure that Blackboard uses the e-mail address of your choice. The default is your University of Calgary e-mail address.

Course Outline:

This course examines the nature, causes and consequences of international trade. (Some topics may be added or deleted depending on time constraints.)

1. Why Nations Trade: A Partial Equilibrium View
2. The Heckscher-Ohlin Model
3. Protectionism
4. Intraindustry Trade
5. International Factor Movements
6. The Balance of Payments and Exchange Rates

A follow-up course, Economics 425 (International Trade II), provides students with a more detailed explanation of trade flows and goes on to consider issues such as: strategic trade policy in the presence of imperfect competition; trade, growth and technological change; trade-related aspects of intellectual property; and trade, trade policy and the environment. Normally, Economics 321, is a prerequisite for Economics 425 and Economics 357 (Intermediate Microeconomics II) is a co-requisite.

Grade Determination and Final Examination Details:

Midterm	30%	February 14, 2008
Assignment	20%	March 11, 2008
		Late assignment will not be accepted.
Final Examination	50%	Scheduled by Registrar – 2 Hours

Each student must work in a group, consisting of either 3 or 4 students, to complete the assignment. Students failing to comply with this requirement will receive a grade of “0”. Only one assignment will be submitted by the scribe of each group. The assignment is due at the beginning of the lecture on the due date. Late assignments will not be accepted.

The midterm exam will be held in class on the date indicated. The time and location of the final exam, which will be two hours in length, will be scheduled by the Registrar’s Office and held in a classroom. Exam questions will not consist of multiple choice questions. The use of a simple non-programmable calculator during exams is permitted. The use of business calculators, scientific calculators, graphing calculators, etc., is not permitted.

The midterm exam, assignment, and the final exam are marked on a numerical basis. The grades are then added using the weights indicated above. As a guide to determining standing, these letter grade equivalences will generally apply:

A+	97 - 100	B	79 - 83	C-	62 - 66
A	92 - 96	B-	76 - 78	D+	57 - 61
A-	89 - 91	C+	73 - 75	D	50 - 56
B+	84 - 88	C	67 - 72	F	0 - 49

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.

R-E-S-P-E-C-T: I assume that the reason you are attending my class is to endeavour to acquire an understanding of International Economics. It has been my experience that this task is made much easier and far more enjoyable for all involved (including me) if we can maintain a relaxed but respectful atmosphere in the classroom. For my part, maintaining such an atmosphere requires that I be respectful of your time, your questions, and your concerns. I will, therefore,

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strive to be on time for lectures and office hours, answer your questions in class as well as I can,

and listen to your concerns. For your part, maintaining a respectful atmosphere requires that you avoid being late for class, that you refrain from leaving before the lecture ends, that you not talk when either I am speaking or one of your classmates is speaking, and that your cell phones are turned off during the class.

Notes:

1. Make-up midterm exams and deferred midterm exams will not be given. Deferred final examinations do not have to cover the same material or have the same format as the regular final examination.
2. Examinations will not be given prior to the scheduled date.
3. Students will not be given extra time to complete tests and exams.
4. Students should be aware of the academic regulations outlined in The University of Calgary Calendar.
5. Students seeking reappraisal of a piece of graded term work should discuss their work with the instructor within 15 days of work being returned to class; however, the earliest that grades will be discussed will be two days after the return of an assignment or examination.
6. Students will be responsible for all material listed on the course outline, regardless of whether or not the material has been covered in class, unless the instructor notifies the class that the material will not be covered.
7. Please note that the following types of emails will receive no response: emails not addressed to anyone in particular; emails where the recipient's name is not spelled correctly; anonymous emails; emails which do not specify the course and section in which you are registered; and, emails involving questions that are specifically addressed on the course outline.
8. 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 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 fourteen (14) days after the start of this course.

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