



Department of Economics Course Outline

		Term:	Spring 2012
Course:	Econ 425 [International Trade]	Section:	20
Time:	TR 12:00-14:50	Place:	SS541
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Textbook(s):

Irwin, Douglas A. (2009). *Free Trade Under Fire*. Princeton University Press, 3rd Edition.
[Required]

Book(s) on Reserve:

None

Other Materials:

In addition to the book by Irwin, this course will draw heavily on material from *International Economics: Analysis of Globalization and Policy* by John E. McLaren. This book has yet to be published; required readings will be posted on Blackboard.

A useful reference for this course is *Terms of Trade: Glossary of International Economics* by Alan V. Deardorff. I do not expect you to purchase a copy as the full text is available online to University of Calgary students through the library.

Blackboard:

This course will make use of Blackboard. Students registered in this course can log on at <http://blackboard.ucalgary.ca/webapps/login>

Blackboard features a class email list that will be used. Please ensure that Blackboard uses the email address of your choice. The default is your University of Calgary email address.

Course Outline:

This course examines the nature, causes, and consequences of international trade. A list of topics and their corresponding chapters in the text(s) are given below. (Some topics may be added or deleted depending on time constraints.)

1. Introduction
 - McLaren - Chapter 1
 - Irwin – Chapter 1
2. Motives for Trade
 - McLaren – Chapters 2-4
 - Irwin – Chapter 2
3. Trade Policy
 - McLaren - Chapters 5-10
 - Irwin – Chapters 3-5, 7
4. Current Issues
 - McLaren - Chapters 11-15
 - Irwin – Chapter 6

Economics 425 complements Economics 321, “The Global Trading System”, by providing more breadth and depth. While Economics 321 is NOT a prerequisite to Economics 425, it does provide a very helpful background. Students must either complete Econ 357 prior to or concurrently with Econ 425 (or receive permission of the instructor and department).

Grade Determination and Final Examination Details:

Course grades will be determined as follows:

Four Assignments	20%
Midterm Exam – June 7 th (Tentative)	30%
Final Exam – Scheduled by the Registrar (June 26-28)	50%

Assignments must be turned in at the **start** of class on the day that they are due. Late assignments will not be accepted. I encourage you to work together on assignments, but each person must write up and submit their **own** answers.

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 generally apply:

A+	90 – 100	B	72 - 75	C-	56 - 59
A	85 - 89	B-	68 - 71	D+	53 - 55
A-	80 - 84	C+	64 - 67	D	50 - 52
B+	76 - 79	C	60 - 63	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.

Tests and exams MAY involve multiple-choice questions.

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

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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. Join now by contacting sue@ucalgary.ca.

Faculty of Arts Program Advising and Student Information Resources

- Have a question, but not sure where to start? The new Faculty of Arts Program Information Centre (PIC) is your information resource for everything in Arts! Drop in at SS110, call us at 403-220-3580 or email us 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 in their new space 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 at the MacKimmie Library Block.

Notes:

- Students seeking reappraisal of a piece of graded term work (term paper, essay, etc.) should discuss their work with the Instructor *within seven days* of the work being returned to the class.
- Students who are unable to write the midterm because of a **documented** illness, family emergency or religious observance will have the midterm weight shifted to the final. A make-up midterm will not be given.
- 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.

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