



Department of Economics Course Outline

		Term:	Fall 2010
Course:	Economics 599.25 [Selected Topics in Economics III: Issues in International Trade Policy]	Section:	01
Time:	Meetings scheduled as needed (See below.)	Place:	TBA
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Textbook:

William Kerr and James Gaisford, (eds.) (2007), *Handbook on International Trade Policy*, Edward Elgar (available on blackboard).

Books on Reserve and Course Resources:

There are no books on reserve for this course. The readings for the course will focus on the Kerr and Gaisford Handbook, but there may be a small number of additional readings posted on blackboard. It is useful to have access to a good international trade textbook such as:

Paul Krugman and Maurice Obstfeld (2009) *International Economics: Theory and Policy*, eighth edition, Addison Wesley.

Blackboard:

Students registered in this course can log on at <http://blackboard.ucalgary.ca/webapps/login>.

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This advanced undergraduate course in Economics will focus on contemporary issues in international trade policy.

Economics 357 and 359 are required prerequisites. Economics 321 and/or 425 are useful for background, but not required.

The course will be conducted on a predominantly independent study basis, but there will be at least two meetings to discuss course material. The first meeting will be an introduction and overview and the second will be a discussion of the use of game theory to analyze international trade policy. Students should schedule these meetings with the instructor for early in the term.

Grade Determination and Final Examination Details:

All students must comply with the regulations published in the University Calendar concerning “Intellectual Honesty,” “Examinations,” etc.

STUDENTS MUST SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETE ALL OF THE BREADTH AND DEPTH COMPONENTS OF THE COURSE TO ACHIEVE A PASSING GRADE.

Students who satisfy this criterion will be evaluated in accordance with the marking scheme given below:

Breadth Components:

- 12 Reading Summaries	36%
- Game Theory Assignment	4%

Depth Components:

- Term Paper Proposal	10%
- Term Paper	<u>50%</u>
	100%

The University of Calgary grading system will be used:

A+	4.0	B	3.0	C-	1.7
A	4.0	B-	2.7	D+	1.3
A-	3.7	C+	2.3	D	1.0
B+	3.3	C	2.0	F	0.0

1. **Breadth Components:** There will be an assignment that focuses on the game-theory-understanding of the conduct of international trade policy in chapter 6 of the Kerr and Gaisford *Handbook*. The Assignment will be due October 15.

In addition to the assignment, there will be 12 (twelve) 600-word reading summaries (approximately two double spaced pages). The summaries, which will be based mainly on the chapters in the *Handbook*, should highlight the main themes and issues arising from the readings. The entire *Handbook* will be covered by the summaries and assignment. Details and due dates for the 12 summaries are as follows:

- S1 *Handbook*, Chapters 1-5, due September 30
 - S2 *Handbook*, Chapters 39 and 40, due on or before October 31
 - S3 James Gaisford (2010) "From Kyoto to Copenhagen: Meeting the Climate Change Challenge," *Estey Centre Journal of International Law and Trade Policy*, **11** (1). Article and Technical Annex available on Blackboard. Due on or before October 31.
 - S4 *Handbook*, Chapters 8-12, due on or before October 31
 - S5 *Handbook*, Chapters 13-15 and 45, due on or before October 31
 - S6 *Handbook*, Chapters 16-21, due on or before November 15
 - S7 *Handbook*, Chapters 22-25, due on or before November 15
 - S8 *Handbook*, Chapters 26-31, due on or before November 15
 - S9 *Handbook*, Chapters 32-35, due on or before November 15
 - S10 *Handbook*, Chapters 36-38, due on or before November 30
 - S11 *Handbook*, Chapters 41-44, due on or before November 30
 - S12 *Handbook*, Chapters 46-48, due on or before November 30
2. **Depth Components:** There will be a 5000-word term paper (approximately 15 double spaced pages). The term paper will be due December 20. Topics will typically be chosen from: (a) issues concerning trade and the environment, (b) international trade disputes or (c) other areas of interest in the readings.

Students will be required to submit a proposal by October 30. Proposals will consist of: (a) a topic paragraph, (b) a provisional outline (in clear point form), and (c) a preliminary reference list (with at least five scholarly references and one-sentence annotations).

Notes:

- Students seeking reappraisal of a piece of graded work should discuss this with the instructor *within 15 days* of the work being returned. At the instructor's prerogative, a remedial assignment for partial credit may be requested of students who have attempted a piece of work without achieving a passing grade.
- 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 fourteen (14) days after the start of this course.

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