



## Department of Economics Course Outline

		<b>Term:</b> Winter 2014
<b>Course:</b>	<b>Econ 619</b> <b>Economics of International</b> <b>Commercial Policy</b>	<b>Section:</b> 01
<b>Time:</b>	MW 14:00-15:15	<b>Place:</b> SS 423
<b>Instructor:</b>	E. C. Beaulieu	
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**Textbook(s):** Robert C. Feenstra (2004) Advanced International Trade: Theory and Evidence (Princeton University Press) is required.  
Readings will be assigned.

**Useful undergraduate textbooks:**

Feenstra, Robert C. and Alan M. Taylor (2011) *International Economics 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition* (Worth Publishers).

Krugman, Paul and Maurice Obstfeld (20??) *International Economics* (Addison, Wesley, Longman, Amsterdam).

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This course is part of a two course graduate sequence in international trade. Research in the field of international economics emphasizes both theoretical work and empirical analysis. Graduate courses in economics have traditionally focused on the theoretical modeling of international trade and have ignored the empirical literature in the field. The traditional approach has been to have one course focusing on general equilibrium theoretical modeling and a second course focusing on commercial policy. The trade expertise in the Economics Department at the University of Calgary allows us to offer cutting edge courses in both empirical and theoretical international economics. Economics 619 focuses on the empirical analysis that has become paramount in the international trade literature. The companion course, Economics 621 focuses on the theoretical modeling that remains a key component in understanding the international economy and provides the foundation for empirical research. These two courses are complementary and can be taken in any order. Economics 619 examines important longstanding as well as contemporary issues in the empirical literature of international trade.

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

**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 be evaluated in accordance with the marking scheme given below:

Written assignments	40%
Referee report on a paper	10%
Major paper	30%
Seminar presentation	10%
Class participation	<u>10%</u>
	100%

Term work is 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		

Students must successfully complete all components of the course to successfully complete the course. Any work which is not attempted and submitted will be assigned a grade of zero.

**Notes:**

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