

Economics 621 (International Economics)

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Course Description:

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. This course will focus on international trade policy with an emphasis on the theoretical and empirical literature related to trade policy. We will examine 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.

Course Objectives/Learning Outcomes:

The course objectives are to develop empirical skills and research skills in order to produce research papers with a focus on empirical international trade. By the end of the course students will be well versed in how to start a research project and develop it into a final product. Students will also learn about data sources and analytical techniques related to empirical international economics.

Prerequisites/corequisites:

Admission to the Master of Arts Economics program.

Textbook(s) (recommended – not required):

Robert C. Feenstra (2016) Advanced International Trade: Theory and Evidence (Princeton University Press)

Peter A. G. Bergeijk and Steven Brakman editors (2010) The Gravity Model in International Trade: Advances and Applications (Cambridge University Press)

Other useful books:

Gita Gopinath, Elhanan Helpman, and Kenneth Rogoff (2014) Handbook of International Economics Volume 4 (North Holland)

Feenstra, Robert C. and Alan M. Taylor (any edition) *International Economics 2nd Edition* (Worth Publishers).

Krugman, Paul, Maurice Obstfeld and Mark Melitz (any edition) *International Economics* (Addison, Wesley, Longman, Amsterdam).

Book(s) on Reserve: N/A

Gita Gopinath, Elhanan Helpman, and Kenneth Rogoff (2014) Handbook of International Economics Volume 4 (North Holland)

Peter A. G. Bergeijk and Steven Brakman editors (2010) The Gravity Model in International Trade: Advances and Applications (Cambridge University Press)

Desire2Learn: This course will make use of the Desire2Learn (D2L) platform. Students who are registered in the course can log on at <http://d2l.ucalgary.ca> through their student centre. Please note that D2L features a class e-mail list that may be used to distribute course-related information. The default is your University of Calgary e-mail address.

Grade Determination and Final Examination Details:

Written assignments	50%
Major paper	30%
Seminar presentation	10%
Class participation	<u>10%</u>
	100%

The official grading system will be used. See <http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/f-1-1.html>.

A passing grade on any particular component of the course is not required for a student to pass the course as a whole.

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:

Reappraisal of Grades and Intellectual Honesty:

For reappraisal of graded term work, see Calendar I.2

<http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/i-2.html>

For reappraisal of final grade, see Calendar I.3

<http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/i-3.html>

Statement of Intellectual Dishonesty, see Calendar K.4

<http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/k-4.html>

Plagiarism and Other Academic Misconduct, see Calendar K.5

<http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/k-5.html>

Academic Accommodations:

Students seeking an accommodation based on disability or medical concerns should contact Student Accessibility Services; SAS will process the request and issue letters of accommodation to instructors. Students who require an accommodation in relation to their coursework based on a protected ground other than disability should communicate this need in writing to their Instructor. The full policy on Student Accommodations is available at <http://www.ucalgary.ca/policies/files/policies/student-accommodation-policy.pdf>.

Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIP) Act:

Personal information is collected in accordance with FOIP. Assignments can only be returned to the student and will be accessible only to authorized faculty and staff. For more information, see <http://www.ucalgary.ca/legalservices/files/legalservices/faq-students.pdf> and http://www.ucalgary.ca/legalservices/files/legalservices/faq-faculty_0.pdf.

Internet and Electronic Communication Device information:

The use of cell phones for any purpose in class is prohibited. Computers and tablets may be used for note taking only unless otherwise authorized by the instructor.

Copyright Legislation:

See the University of Calgary policy on Acceptable Use of Material Protected by Copyright at www.ucalgary.ca/policies/files/policies/acceptable-use-of-material-protected-by-copyright.pdf. Students who use material protected by copyright in violation of this policy may be disciplined under the Non-Academic Misconduct Policy.

Important Dates:

Please check: <http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/academic-schedule.html>

Student Organizations:

Faculty of Grad Studies website: <http://grad.ucalgary.ca/home>

Graduate Students Association: <http://gsa.ucalgary.ca/>

Professional Development for Grad Students

Workshops and resources can be found at <http://www.ucalgary.ca/mygradskills/>

Economics Graduate Association: <http://econ.ucalgary.ca/ega/>

Student Support and Resources:

- See <https://www.ucalgary.ca/registrar/registration/course-outlines> for information on campus mental health resources, the Student Ombuds' Office, Student Success Centre, Safewalk, and Emergency Evacuation and Assembly.
- Online writing resources are available at <https://ucalgary.ca/student-services/student-success/writing-support>.
- For registration (add/drop/swap), paying fees and assistance with your Student Centre, contact Enrolment Services at 403-210-ROCK [7625] or visit them in the MacKimmie Library Block.