



Department of Economics Course Outline

		Term:	Spring and Summer 2010
Course:	Economics 599.25 [Selected Topics in Economics III: Issues in International Trade Policy]	Section:	30
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 the following class meetings are planned:

Wednesday May 19, 8:00 PM: Organizational Meeting

Wednesday May 26, 7:00-10:00 PM: Lecture on “Understanding International Trade Policy”

Tuesday June 15, 7:00-10:00 PM: Student Presentations

All dates and times are subject to change. When possible, class meetings will be held in SS 423. Additional meetings may be scheduled.

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 Presentation and Participation	10%
- Term Paper	<u>40%</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 June 2.

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.

- S1 *Handbook*, Chapters 1-5, due May 26
S2 *Handbook*, Chapters 39 and 40, due on or before June 16
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.
S4 *Handbook*, Chapters 8-12, due on or before June 16
S5 *Handbook*, Chapters 13-15 and 45, due on or before June 16
S6 *Handbook*, Chapters 16-21, due on or before June 30
S7 *Handbook*, Chapters 22-25, due on or before June 30
S8 *Handbook*, Chapters 26-31, due on or before June 30
S9 *Handbook*, Chapters 32-35, due on or before June 30
S10 *Handbook*, Chapters 36-38, due on or before July 14
S11 *Handbook*, Chapters 41-44, due on or before July 14
S12 *Handbook*, Chapters 46-48, due on or before July 14
2. **Depth Components:** There will be a 5000-word term paper (approximately 15 double spaced pages). The term paper will be due July 16. 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 May 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).

Students will also be required to make a 15-minute presentation of their topics on Wednesday June 16 (date subject to change). Presentations will be posted on blackboard.

Notes:

- Students seeking reappraisal of a piece of graded work should discuss this with the instructor within two weeks 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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