

International Economic Policy

ECONOMICS 385-001 - Spring 2014

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Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays (11:30AM - 12:20 PM)

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Objectives:

First and foremost, this class should teach you how to use economic logic. The material focuses on international economic policy issues including trade, foreign aid, globalization, and international finance. The class will also help you to improve your writing skills.

Disclaimer:

This class will involve a great deal of writing. Whether or not you are proficient at writing, expect to work hard. I will take into account *how much you improve* over the semester.

It will be impossible for you to achieve an A in this course unless you attend class regularly. During class, I ask that all of your electronic devices be turned off and put out of sight. In return I will do my best to keep class interesting and engaging.

At the end of the day you are responsible for what you learn.

Course Materials

Books (Required)

- *Globalization* by Don Boudreaux (Available in Bookstore)
- *Economic Sophisms* by Frederic Bastiat (Available in Bookstore & Free Online)
- *Economics in One Lesson* by Henry Hazlitt (Available in Bookstore & Free Online)

Books (Recommended)

- *The Elements of Style* by Strunk & White
- *Economical Writing* by Deirdre McCloskey

Course Schedule

We **will not** have class on **Friday 3/7** or **Monday 4/14** because I will be out of town.

Grading

Your grade will be based upon the following categories:

- Quizzes 15%
- Writing Assignments 50%
- Participation 10%
- Final Paper 35% (**Due: Monday, May 5th at the beginning of class**)

Quizzes cannot be made up if you miss them; so be on time. I will drop your two lowest quiz scores. Any assignments turned in late will be docked 15% for each class period that they are late. For example, if you turn in an assignment between the beginning of the class period that it is due and the beginning of the next class period, I will subtract 15%. If you turn it in after the beginning of the next class period, I will subtract 30%, and so on.

Plagiarism is a serious offense. All the writing you do for this class should be original. Of course, you are allowed to quote other sources as long as you cite them. Please check with me if you are unsure of whether you may be plagiarizing. It is far better to ask for permission than forgiveness; because none will be given. If you do plagiarize, you will receive a zero on the assignment and I will refer it to GMU's academic board.

Final grades will follow the traditional scale:

A	93-100	B-	80-82	D+	67-69
A-	90-92	C+	77-79	D	63-66
B+	87-89	C	73-76	D-	60-62
B	83-86	C-	70-72	F	0-59

Other Important Dates

Last day to add classes/Drop with no tuition penalty — **January 28th**

Last day to drop (33% tuition penalty) — **February 11th**

Last day to drop (67% tuition penalty) — **February 21st**

Selective Withdrawal Period — **February 24th - March 28th**

Note about Disabilities

If you are a student with a disability and you need academic accommodations, please see me and contact the Office of Disability Services at 703.993.2474 or ods.gmu.edu. All academic accommodations must be arranged through that office.