



ECON 390 001 – International Economics  
Spring 2013 (11272)  
Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 12:30 pm – 1:20 pm  
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Office Hour: Monday and Wednesday, 11:30 am – 12:15 pm

Texts: Krugman, Obstfeld, and Melitz. *International Economics*. 9<sup>th</sup> Edition (2012). (REQUIRED)  
Irwin, Douglas A. *Free Trade Under Fire*. 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition (2009). (REQUIRED)  
Readings come from these books and quizzes will cover material from these books.

Final Exam: Monday, 13 May, 2013, 10:30 am – 1:15 pm

Requirements: This class builds on its prerequisite classes (ECON 306 and ECON 311). Students should have previously completed these courses. Concurrent enrollment may be acceptable.

Intent: The purpose of this class is to learn the principles of world trade. The theory behind trade and trade practices will be examined. Emphasis is given to the foreign exchange market, the balance of payments system, and foreign trade policy. This is an economics class, not a math or English class, yet basic math and writing proficiency is expected.

Grading:	Attendance	10% of the final grade
	Quizzes	15%
	Essays	15%
	Midterm Exam (Friday, 22 March 2013)	20%
	Final Exam (Monday, 13 May 2013)	40%

Class meets M, W, and F from 1/23/13 through 5/6/13, except 3/11/13, 3/13/13, and 3/15/13. Absences are only excused in advance for religious observances or university-sanctioned activities. Reading is to be completed in preparation for each class period to allow for discussion.

Quizzes are administered at the beginning of class and are unannounced. Missed quizzes cannot be made up (excepting an excused absence); thus regular and prompt attendance is heavily recommended.

Four writing assignments will be given. Late assignments lose 10% of their value each class period. Digital submissions only receive a score (no paper will be returned to you), which cannot be transmitted via e-mail.

Exams require blue books. No electronic equipment may be used during an exam. Students may not leave and re-enter during an exam. The final exam is cumulative. With advance notice and a legitimate reason, a student may replace an exam with a more-heavily-weighted final exam. Otherwise, missed exams cannot be made up.

Final grades will begin at traditional cutoffs (>90% is A, >80% is B, >70% is C, >60% is D), but may be adjusted downward as needed. Grade cohorts must show internal consistency (students receiving the same grade produced similar work) and external consistency (students receiving different grades produced different work).

Required Elements of College of Humanities and Social Sciences syllabi:

- If you are a student with a disability and you need academic accommodations, please see me and contact the Office of Disability Resources at 703-993-2474. All academic accommodations must be arranged through that office.
- George Mason University has an Honor Code, which requires all members of this community to maintain the highest standards of academic honesty and integrity. Cheating, plagiarism, lying, and stealing are all prohibited. All violations of the Honor Code will be reported to the Honor Committee. See [honorcode.gmu.edu](http://honorcode.gmu.edu) for more detailed information. (from [chss.gmu.edu/syllabusguidelines](http://chss.gmu.edu/syllabusguidelines))
- Students are responsible for verifying their enrollment in this class. Schedule adjustments should be made by the deadlines published in the Schedule of Classes; see [registrar.gmu.edu](http://registrar.gmu.edu). After the last day to drop a class, withdrawing from this class requires the approval of the dean and is only allowed for nonacademic reasons. Undergraduate students may choose to exercise a selective withdrawal. See the Schedule of Classes for selective withdrawal procedures.

## Econ 390 (Minster) – Schedule

Week 1	Syllabus, KOM 1 & 2
Week 2	KOM 3, Irwin 1
Week 3	KOM 4 & 5
Week 4	KOM 6, Irwin 2
Week 5	KOM 7 & 8
Week 6	KOM 9, Irwin 3 & 4
Week 7	Chapters 10 & 11
Week 8	Spring Break
Week 9	KOM 12, Midterm Exam
Week 10	KOM 13, Irwin 5
Week 11	KOM 14 & 15
Week 12	KOM 16, Irwin 6
Week 13	KOM 17 & 18
Week 14	KOM 19, Irwin 7
Week 15	KOM 20 & 21
Week 16	Review
Week 17	Final Exam