

Syllabus Spring 2013
EBGN 441/541 International Economics
Colorado School of Mines

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Office Hours: 9:30am-12:00 noon MW.
Lectures: 12:30pm-1:45pm TR, Engineering Hall, Room 211

Overview:

The course covers the theories of the determinants and impacts of international trade; including comparative advantage, the gains from trade, and trade policy. We will cover the history of arguments for and against free trade; and the political economy of trade policy. Intermediate microeconomics (EBGN 301) is a prerequisite for International Economics. International Economics is listed in the catalog as writing intensive (WI) indicating that a portion of your grade will depend on your ability to translate the course material into short essays. You will also be required to write a short term paper. Those students enrolled in 541, at the masters level, will have an extended paper assignment focused on Energy and Mineral Economics.

Grading and Exams:

Two problem sets	20	points (10 points each)
Midterm Exam I:	20	points
Midterm Exam II:	20	points
Paper:	10	points
Final Exam:	30	points
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Total:	100	points

Text Books:

Markusen, Melvin, Kaempfer, and Maskus (1995) *International Trade: Theory and Evidence*, McGraw Hill: Boston.

Tentative Course Outline:

- I. Technical tools and the gains from trade (Ch 1-5 of MMKM)
- II. Determinants of Trade (Ch 6-13 of MMKM)
- III. Trade policy and advanced topics in international trade (Ch 15-19 MMKM)