

ECON 385-003: International Economic Policy - Fall 2014

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Course Description: The purpose of this course is to learn and apply the economic way of thinking to international economic policy issues. These include technical analysis of international trade, ideal international trade policy, deviations from ideal policy, international finance, and development. By the end of the course, you should have a solid introduction to the logic and arguments used in taking the various positions on these issues.

Texts: The following texts are **required** for the course:

1. Boudreaux, Donald. (2007). *Globalization*. Greenwood, CT: Greenwood Press.
2. Easterly, William. (2002). *The Elusive Quest for Growth: Economists' Adventures and Misadventures in the Tropics*. Cambridge: MIT Press.

These two texts cover the major areas of interest in international economic policy. There will be additional assigned readings throughout the course. All additional reading material will be provided at least one week in advance.

Grading: Grades will be based on *written homework assignments due in class* (20%), a *midterm exam* (20%), a *short paper on a relevant international economic policy topic presented to the class at the end of the semester* (20%), *in-class participation* (10%), and a *final exam* (30%). Letter grades will be calculated using the standard university grading scheme.

Any issues that affect your grade outside of coursework should be brought up in advance or documented according to university policy. If you feel that any individual assignment has not been graded properly, you may ask me to regrade the entire assignment. Note: this may result in a lower grade than originally assigned. Final grades are *reported*, not *determined*, by me, so do not ask me to change your course grade.

Honor Code: 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 for more detailed information.

Disabilities: 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.