## Economics 4413 International Trade <u>Summer 2016</u>

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Course Description:

In this course, we will study the theories, policies, and institutions of international tradadatafully or easily analyzed in

-semester course. They do, however, lend themselves extremely well to critical thinking and rational inquiry, which are the guiding principles of this course. Our goal is to become and remain informed about issues related to international trade and, even more importantly, acquire the ability to think about complex issues in a logical objective manner. Thinking critically is what permits us to differentiate between the illogical and the sensible, between the misleading use of statistics, misleading anecdotal evidence, and the reasonable presentation of information.

## Prerequisites:

Students must have completed ECON 3070. It is NOT sufficient to take these courses concurrently. I assume that you did not only take the class, <u>but also that you understand and remember the content.</u> The prerequisites must be strictly enforced.

## Readings:

We will be using Markusen and Maskus, *International Trade: Theory and Evidence*, Wiley Publishers, 2012. Note that this book is not yet in print. Professor Markusen has been kind enough to have the CU bookstore duplicate and bind chapters 1-20 for us, which are on sale there at cost: no

Material from a Missed Lecture: If you miss a class, you are responsible for obtaining notes from a classmate and reading the relevant material in the textbook. I encourage you to come to

Tentative Course Schedule:

Many sections of the new book are advanced and written more for master's and MBA students. Therefore, we will skip some sections; these sections will be announced in class. Students are responsible for all announcements made in class. I will not be continually updating the website with announcements, etc.

PART I: TECHNICAL TOOLS AND THE GAINS FROM TRADE

In this part of the course, we develop and review basic tools of microeconomic theory that we will use throughout the course.

1. Supply and Production Possibilities MM chapter 2 (Day 1-2)

2. Preferences, Demand, and Welfare MM chapter 3 (Day 2)

3. General Equilibrium in Open and Closed Economies MM chapter 4 (Day 3)

# PART III: FACTOR TRADE AND DIRECT FOREIGN INVESTMENT

This section of the course looks at trade in factors of production and direct foreign investment be multinational firms.

1. Trade in Factors of Production MM chapter 15

2. Direct Foreign Investment

### Disabilities

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If you have a temporary medical condition or injury, see Temporary Injuries under Quick Links at Disability Services website (<u>http://disabilityservices.colorado.edu/</u>) and discuss your needs with your professor.

#### Religious holidays

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