

## INTR 801.3 Research Methods in International Trade Policy

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### CALENDAR DESCRIPTION

This course is designed to provide you with the analytical skills that are required to make sense of the vast literature on international trade, much of which presents data in sophisticated ways, reports the results of the use of at least rudimentary and often quite sophisticated statistical techniques, and may even be the result of mathematical modeling. The course also provides you the opportunity to apply some of the statistical techniques to actual data. This course is not restricted to purely quantitative or qualitative approaches; rather the focus is on determining appropriate methodologies given specific research areas of interest.

### COURSE CONTENT AND APPROACH

By the end of the course, you will be conversant with the concepts used in discourse about international trade, and be able to:

- apply some of the statistical skills to your research and analysis
- how to formulate research questions and subsequent hypotheses
- how to design a research plan
- determine what methodologies are appropriate; perform the specified analysis

### REQUIRED READINGS

Levine et al., (2004) *Statistics for Managers*. Toronto: Pearson/ Prentice Hall.

The majority of reference material needed for the assignments will be provided in the basic topic summaries for each module; the remaining material will be found on the World Wide Web.

### EVALUATION

A student should budget about 130 hours for the course over the term, or approximately 10 hours per week. Throughout the course, you will see

1. Module Summaries: These provide an introduction and summation of each module.
2. Reading Requirements: Within each module required readings are offered to provide an in-depth understanding of the concepts.
3. Discussions: Modular discussions will be graded. There are 6 discussions and your contributions to them are worth a total of 20% of your final mark.

4. Online Quizzes: Before proceeding to the next module, you will be required to demonstrate competence with the content of the module by successfully completing an online quiz. There are 10 quizzes worth a total of 20% of your final mark.

5. Assignments: Each student is required to complete 10 assignments worth a total of 30% of your final mark. Each assignment will require you to apply one of the concepts or techniques to the trade literature or data. These assignments will be handed in online and will follow the topic of each Module Summary.

6. Examinations: There will be a final exam worth 30% of the final grade.

## **ACADEMIC INTEGRITY AND CONDUCT**

Ensuring that you understand and follow the principles of academic integrity and conduct as laid out in University of Saskatchewan's Guidelines for Academic Conduct is vital to your success in graduate school. Ensuring that your work is your own and reflects both your own ideas and those of others incorporated in your work is important: ensuring that you acknowledge the ideas, words, and phrases of others that you use is a vital part of the scholarly endeavour. If you have any questions at all about academic integrity in general or about specific issues, contact your course instructor and to discuss your questions.