University of Manitoba  
Department of Agribusiness and Agricultural Economics  
ABIZ 0710, Agricultural and Food Policy  
Tuesdays and Thursdays 1:00-2:15pm, Agriculture 138  
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Course-related materials will be posted to the course webpage (not on UM Learn) at https://ryancardwell.wordpress.com/teaching/abiz-0710-agricultural-and-food-policy/.

Office Hours: Wednesdays 3:00 to 4:00, or by appointment.

Course Objectives:  
The objective of this course is to provide students with an understanding of the motivations for government policies related to food and agriculture, and the policy instruments that are used to pursue policy objectives. The first part of the course introduces motivations for agricultural policies and describes some tools that can be used to meet policy goals. The second part provides details on specific polices, with emphasis on Canadian food and agricultural policies.

Programmes such as Growing Forward are analysed, however it is important to note that the primary goal of this course is not to memorise the details of specific government policies. Government policies change every few years, so knowledge of a specific program is useful only for limited period of time. This course is intended to provide students with the tools to understand and analyse both current and future agricultural policies.

Evaluation:  
Midterm Examination 25%  
Assignments 10%  
Project 15%  
Final Examination 50%
Reading Material:
There is no required textbook for this course. Lecture material will be drawn from several sources, some of which are listed below. Additional reading material will be assigned throughout the term as needed.

An Overview of the Canadian Agriculture and Agri-Food System 2016, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada.


This text is referred to as Schmitz et al. throughout the rest of the syllabus.


Assignments
There are two assignments and one project. The assignments are problem sets that apply some economics tools taught in class. The project (worth 15% of final grade) involves writing a report and making a presentation.
Academic Integrity and Other Unpleasantness

Extensions for assignments will not be granted without a medical certificate. All assignments are subject to a penalty of 20% per day late. Missed examinations will be assigned a grade of 0 without provision of a medical certificate within seven days of the missed exam. In the event that a medical certificate is provided, the weight of the missed exam will be added to the final exam. University policy prohibits plagiarism and cheating.

The University’s policies on plagiarism and cheating can be viewed at: http://umanitoba.ca/student/resource/student_advocacy/cheating_plagiarism_fraud.html

Outline of Topics:

Part I. Introduction and Background

1. Agriculture and Agribusiness in Canada
   Readings:
   An Overview of the Canadian Agriculture and Agri-Food System 2016, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada 2016.

2. What is “policy”?
   Readings:
   Schmitz et al., chapter 1.
   Brinkman, pages 24-45.

3. Income Stabilisation
   Readings:
   Brinkman, pages 100-103.

4. Marketing and Market Regulation

5. Food Safety and the Environment
   Readings:
   Schmitz et al., chapter 16.
   Ward, pages 312-315.

6. Input Markets
   Readings:
   Schmitz et al. chapter 14.
Brinkman, 89-92.

7. International Considerations
Readings:
Handouts

8. Research and Development
Readings:
Handouts

Part II. An Overview of Government Policies in Agriculture

9. History of Canadian Agricultural Policy
Readings:
Brinkman, 145-158.
Schmitz, 2008.

10. Supply Management
Readings:
Brinkman, 170-177.

11. Growing Forward
Readings:
To be determined.

12. International Agricultural Policies
   a) US Agricultural Policy
Readings:
Brinkman, 180-201.

   b) EU Agricultural Policy
Readings:
Anderson and Martin (2008).

13. International Trade Regulation in Agricultural Products (NAFTA, WTO, etc.)
Readings:
Brinkman, 130-143.