University of Manitoba

Department of Supply Chain Management, Asper School of Business

SCM.2210 and ABIZ.2210 Principles of Transportation

Course Outline - Fall 2015

Instructor:

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Course Time and Location:

Lecture: Drake Room 106, Tuesday and Thursday 1:00 - 2:15 p.m.
Drake Room 106, Tuesday and Thursday 2:30 - 3:45 p.m.

Office Hours:

By appointment

Course Objectives:

- to develop an understanding of the scope and breadth of transportation in the Canadian economy and its importance to society;
- to introduce various economic concepts and applications of economic theory to the transportation sector;
- to explain the role and importance of direct, indirect and exogenous costs in determining transportation supply under competitive and regulated freight rates;
- to illustrate some of the policy issues that confront the transportation sector, and the role of government regulation.

Course Activities:

This course is taught through formal lectures and a group discussion of research papers. Examples from current business and industry situations are used to illustrate the practical applications of concepts discussed in class. Guest speakers from the transportation industry may be invited to address the class. You are expected to read all assigned readings prior to class and to stay up to date in the textbook.
Required Texts:


Recommended Text:


Course Assessment

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Grading System

- Mid-term exam: 20%
- Critique participation: 10%
- Three written critiques: 30%
- Final exam: 40%

Examinations

The mid-term examination, worth 20% of your final grade, will be held during the evening of **Tuesday, October 20, 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. Room 343 Drake**. A two-hour, comprehensive final exam, worth 40% of your final grade, will be held during the final examination period at a time scheduled by the registrar. Students who miss the mid-term exam due to legitimate, documented illness or compassionate reasons will not be given a make-up exam. Rather, the weight for the mid-term exam will be allocated to the final exam. All examinations are closed book.
**Critiques**

Three written critiques are assigned throughout the course, each worth 10 percent. Critiques must be submitted at the class. Written critiques will not be accepted subsequently. Following the return of the graded critique, a corrected version must be submitted via D2L. Failure to submit the corrected version will incur a 25 percent discount on the assigned grade.

1. Critiques must be type written.
2. Length is minimum 550 words, maximum 650 words plus a cover page.
3. All text must be double-spaced.
4. All margins must be 1 inch (2.5 cm).
5. All text must be in 12-point pitch.
6. Cover page requires name, student number and course section.
7. Word count must be provided.

The content of the critiques can be divided roughly into four parts: a brief synopsis of the paper, comments on the strengths of the paper, comments on the weaknesses that could be improved, and a section in which you outline key findings or issues that you have learned from the paper. A further detailed outline for each of the three critiques is available on D2L.

**Participation Grade**

A worksheet must be handed in at the end of each class where one of the CTRF papers are discussed, except those cases in which a written critique is handed in. At the end of the course, each student’s participation is assessed based on the number and content of worksheets.

**Academic Integrity**

University policy strictly prohibits “plagiarism and cheating” and “examination impersonations” as outlined in the University of Manitoba General Calendar (page 28).

**Transferable Credit**

This course is recognized as the Transportation Economics credit in the Transport Institute Certificate in Logistics Program, and as a credit towards a CITT designation [http://www.citt.ca](http://www.citt.ca)
Course Schedule – Fall 2015

**Week 1: September 10**

Course Introduction, distribution of CTRF Proceedings, course schedule, and critique outline

**Week 2: September 15/17**

Chapter 1: Transportation, Logistics and Technology

Chapter 2: The Demand for Transportation

**Week 3: September 22/24**

Chapter 3: Trade and Transportation Costs

Chapter 4: Laws of Variable Proportions and Scale

CTRF Reading & In-class Critique:


**Week 4: September 29/October 1**

Chapter 5: Cost Economies and Traceability

CTRF Reading & In-class Critique:


**Week 5: October 6/8**

Chapter 6: Modal Supply Characteristics

CTRF Readings: *** written hand-in critique ***


Or

Week 6: October 13/15

Chapter 7: Markets and Competition in Transportation

CTRF Reading & In-class Critique:


Week 7: October 20/22

October 20, MID-TERM EXAM: review class on Tuesday – exam in the evening
6 p.m. - 8 p.m. Room Drake 343

CTRF Reading & In-class Critique:


Week 8: October 27/29

Chapter 8: Externalities, Public Supply and Marginal Cost Pricing

CTRF Readings: *** written hand-in critique ***


Or


Week 9: November 3/5

Chapter 9: Spatial and Temporal Pricing in Transportation

CTRF Reading & In-class Critique:

*Peak-load Management and Surge Capacity in Western Canadian Grain Transportation.* Barry Prentice, page 382.
Week 10: November 10/12

Chapter 10: Product Pricing in Transportation

CTRF Reading & In-class Critique:


Week 11: November 17/19

Chapter 11: Transportation, Investment and Generalized Cost

CTRF Reading & In-class Critique:

*Reducing Disruption-induced Impacts on Transportation Supply Chain Fluidity.* Matthew Whelen, Ata Khan and David Ramsey, page 367.

Week 12: November 24/26

Chapter 12: Location and Land Settlement

CTRF Readings: *** written hand-in critique ***


Or


Week 13: December 1/3

Chapter 13: Transportation and Government Policy

CTRF Reading & In-class Critique:

*Canada-United States Freight Rail Economic Comparison.* André Pretto and Joseph F. Schulman, page 56.

Week 14: December 8

Chapter 14: Regulatory Enforcement and Compliance