

General Information

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Course Code: ECO 3704

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Course Objectives

This main objective of this course is to provide a thorough analysis of modern trade theory, trade policy, and its welfare implications. We will analyze trade models in depth in order to discuss the benefits and consequences of international trade and globalization. We will examine factor movements, imperfect markets, and the effect of trade on wages and income distribution. Time permitting, the course might slightly delve into international finance in order to discuss different exchange rate regimes, their effect on monetary/fiscal policy, and economic integration.

Course Evaluation

Your grade in the course will be determined by performance on two midterms and a final exam as well as your participation during in-class assignments that we will be doing throughout the semester (the dates of the assignments will not be given ahead of time; if you have a valid excuse for missing class, notify me beforehand in order to receive credit for a missed assignment).

The midterm exams will be administered on May 23rd and June 6th (tentatively) during our regular class time. The final exam can be taken early on June 19th (this exam will not be cumulative) or later on June 20th or 21st (date to be determined, this exam will be cumulative) and depending on which option you choose (you can only take one final exam), the calculations for your final course grade will be determined by the following:

Early Final Exam

Assignments	10%
Midterm 1	30%
Midterm 2	30%
Final Exam	30%

Late Final Exam

Assignments	10%
Midterm 1	25%
Midterm 2	25%
Final Exam	40%

The final letter grade will be determined using the following scale where the course score will be rounded to the nearest whole number:

A	93-100	C	73-76
A-	90-92	C-	70-72
B+	87-89	D+	67-69
B	83-86	D	60-66
B-	80-82	E	0-59
C+	77-79		

There will be some extra credit opportunities throughout the course but no other opportunities will be available past the final exam.

Textbooks

Krugman, P., Obstfeld, M., and Melitz, M. *International Economics: Theory and Policy*. Addison Wesley, 2014.

Attendance Policy and Behavior

While I will not be taking attendance, it is necessary (but not sufficient) to come to class (on time), participate, and take good notes if you wish to earn a high grade. If you miss a lecture, please get the lecture notes from me or one of your classmates since I will not be incorporating many slides during the course.

Also, let me emphasize again that if you miss an assignment due to an unexcused absence, you will not receive credit for completing it. For an absence to be excused, you must notify me of the absence with a valid reason ahead of time.

As for an electronic device policy, I allow for the use of laptops and other devices as long as it does not distract other students. For this reason, I ask those using a laptop to sit in the furthest row in order to minimize distractions.

Academic Honesty

You are expected to abide by the University's rules for academic honesty and UF's Honor Pledge. These are available for your review at <http://www.dso.ufl.edu/judicial/academic.php>. Cheating, plagiarism, making false statements, and any other action that violates these rules will be prosecuted to the fullest extent.

Disability Accommodations

Students requesting classroom accommodation for disabilities must first register with the Disability Resource Center. The DRC will provide documentation to the student, who must then provide this documentation to me. The DRC phone number is 392-8565. If you are taking exams with the DRC, I highly recommend that you reserve the room for all of your exams early on in the semester to avoid complications.

Course Topics (Preliminary Outline)

1 Classical Models of Trade

- Introduction to International Trade
- The Ricardian Model: Comparative Advantage
- The Heckscher-Ohlin Model: Factor Endowments
- Factor Mobility

2 New Trade Theory

- Imperfect Competition and Economies of Scale
- Firm Heterogeneity

3 Trade Policy

- Instruments of Trade Policy
- Political Economy of Trade
- Trade Policy in Developing Countries

4 International Macroeconomics and Economic Integration

- National Income Accounting and Balance of Payments
- Types of Exchange Rate Regimes
- Degrees of Economic Integration

* Additional material, provided by the instructor, may be included throughout the course as needed online