
International Trade Theory

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Class Schedule: Tuesday & Thursday

Time: 9:30 am – 10:50 am

Room: Blow Hall 334

Course Number: ECON 475 01

Course CRN: 10048

Office: Tyler 257

Hours: Tuesdays and Thursdays 11:00 am to 12:00 pm

Tuesdays and Thursdays 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm

Or By Appointment

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Course Description: Economics 475 presents the theoretical premise and policies of international economics. The course covers the pure theory of international trade, comparative advantage, Heckscher-Ohlin, growth & trade. Commercial policies: protection & welfare, economic integration, trade & economic development.

Assignments:

Eight Graded problem sets, 2 in-class hour exams, and a final exam.

The problem sets are due in class every Tuesday, beginning September 6th. The problem sets will be graded. No problem set will be accepted late.

Exams

The hour exams will be given in class on

Thursday, September 29, 2016

Tuesday, November, 15, 2016

Final Exam Wednesday, December, 7, 2016 at 2:00 pm

The first midterm exam covers the first third of the course; the second midterm exam covers the second third of the course, and third hour exam covers the final third of the course. The final exam covers the entire course.

Grading: The grading rubric is as follows:

Problem Sets	20%
First Exam	20%
Second Exam	20%
Final Exam	40%

Grading Scale:

Cumulative Score	Letter Grade
100-95	A
94-89	A-
88-83	B+
82-77	B
76-71	C+
70-65	C
<65	F

Textbooks: The textbook for the course is:

International Trade

Authors: Robert C. Feenstra, Alan M. Taylor

3rd Edition

Worth Publishers

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Lecture Notes are provided in advance of each lecture. These are similar to the textbook except that they integrate calculus-based treatments of some topics.

Tentative Course Outline

- 1. Trade in the Global Economy*
- 2. Trade and Technology: The Ricardian Model*
- 3. Gains and Losses from Trade in the Specific-Factors Model*
- 4. Trade and Resources: The Heckscher-Ohlin Model*
- 5. Movement of Labor and Capital between Countries*
- 6. Increasing Returns to Scale and Monopolistic Competition*
- 7. Offshoring of Goods and Services*
- 8. Import Tariffs and Quotas Under Perfect Competition*
- 9. Import Tariffs and Quotas Under Imperfect Competition*
- 10. Export Subsidies in Agriculture and High-Technology Industries*
- 11. International Agreements: Trade, Labor, and the Environment*