Rutgers University, New Brunswick

International Economics (01:220:300:03): Fall 2016

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2 Course Details

- Class Location: Lucy Stone Hall-B117, Livingston Campus
- \bullet Class Timings : Monday & Thursday, 10.20 AM 11.40 AM

3 Prerequisites

- 220:102 Introduction to Microeconomics
- 220:103 Introduction to Macroeconomics

4 Textbook

Essentials of International Economics (3rd edition) by Robert C. Feenstra and Alan M. Taylor

5 Grading

Course grades will be based on the following:

- 1st Midterm exam: 30%
- 2nd Midterm exam: 30%

• Final Exam: 40%. Final exam will be held on December 20th, 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM.

Makeup exams will be allowed only under very extreme situations. If you think you will not be able to attend any exam due to medical reasons or emergencies, you must contact me immediately, either before the exam or within 24 hours of missing the exam. A verification of your situation will done and you will need to produce either a note from the Dean's office or a signed form from the physician's office. Otherwise you will recieve a grade 0 for any exam missed.

6 Course Outline

The syllabus below gives an overview of the topics which will be covered. The exact order/topics may be revised over the course of the semester.

• Overview of International Economics

Chapter 1: The Global Economy

• International Trade Theory

Chapter 2: Trade and Technology: The Ricardian Model

Chapter 3: Gains and Losses from Trade in the Specific-Factors Model

Chapter 4: Trade and Resources: The Heckscher-Ohlin Model

Chapter 5: Movement of Labor and Capital between Countries

Chapter 6: Increasing Returns to Scale and Monopolistic Competition

• Trade Policy

Chapter 7: Import Tariffs and Quotas under Perfect Competition

Chapter 8: Import Tariffs and Quotas under Imperfect Competition

Chapter 9: International Aggreements: Trade, Labor, and the Environment

• Exchange Rates and Prices in International Trade

Chapter 10: Introduction to Exchange Rates and the Foreign Exchange Market

Chapter 11: Exchange Rates I: The Monetary Approach in the Long Run

Chapter 12: Exchange Rates II: The Asset Approach in the Short Run

• The Balance of Payments

Chapter 13: National and International Accounts: Income, Wealth, and Balance of Payments

• International Macroeconomic Policy

Chapter 14: Output, Exchange Rates, and Macroeconomic Policies in the Short Run

Chapter 15: Fixed versus floating: International Monetary Experience

7 Academic Integrity

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8 Learning Outcomes

Students who complete this course will have a thorough understanding of the core micro and macroeconomic principles that underlie international economic relations; will comprehend the basic economic
theories of trade, trade barriers, and the impact of trade policy on firms and consumers, will know
the basics of exchange rate and how they affect economic agents and government policy, will learn the
fundamentals of foreign exchange markets, balance of payments, and international monetray systems;
will be able to read and understand general interest articles on international trade, finance and policy.

9 Attendance

Students are expected to attend all classes. If you miss a class because of illness or family emergency, you are required to use the University absence reporting website https://sims.rutgers.edu/ssra/ to indicate the dates and the reason for your absence. In addition to that, you should notify me by email as well. Cellphones and other electronic devices (except laptops) must be turned off before each class begins.