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Course	International Economics
Course No.	01:220:300:01
Semester	Fall 2017
Class sessions	Monday and Thursday, 9:50 to 11:10 AM, Academic Building, Room 2160, CAC
Lecturer	Alex Hohmann
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Sakai site	https://sakai.rutgers.edu/portal/site/a793915c-7d13-4304-88e4-8bd2ea4f44ca
Prerequisites	01:220:102 and 01:220:103 or 01:220:200 This course is a lower-level elective
Final exam	Tuesday, December 19, 2017, 12:00 PM to 3:00 PM, Location to be announced See https://scheduling.rutgers.edu/scheduling/exam-scheduling for policies and schedule.
Learning outcomes	Students who complete this course will have a thorough understanding of the core micro- and macro-economic 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 rates and how they affect economic agents and government policy; will learn the fundamentals of foreign exchange markets, balance of payments, and international monetary systems; will be able to read and understand general interest articles on international trade, finance and policy.

Required reading

“International Economics” with LaunchPad, Robert Fenestra and Alan Taylor, 2017, 4th ed., Worth Publishers, ISBN-13: 978-1-319-12448-9. This is a rental book offering savings over buying the book. It includes an access key to LaunchPad, the web site you will use for homework assignments, access to the electronic version of the text, and study aids. Follow the instructions on Sakai under “Resources/Syllabus and instructions” to create your account. When registering, you must provide your alphanumeric NetID (not your nine-digit RUID) so your homework scores on LaunchPad can be credited to you. Failure to do so will result in no credit for any homework completed. At the end of the term, you must return the book to the book store. Alternatively, you can purchase LaunchPad only and use the e-text version of the book on the site to save more money.

Assessment

You will have the following opportunities to earn points towards a total score:

Homework	16%
First exam	28%
Second exam	28%
Third (final) exam	28%

Exams must be taken as scheduled and will cover all material covered in lecture, assigned from the text, or posted to Sakai. Coverage for the exams will be announced in class.

Homework assignments will be done in LaunchPad, their availability and due dates being announced in class and posted on Sakai Calendar. You must submit them by the deadline and must have provided your NetID on LaunchPad when you first signed up to receive credit. There will be no exceptions to these requirements. No extensions to deadlines will be given under any circumstances.

Under no circumstances will extra-credit work or opportunities to redo past work be offered. Every student will have exactly the same opportunity to score points.

Final grades

Your final letter grade for this course will be based exclusively on your total score using the following tentative grading scale:

A	90 to 100 points
B+	85 to 89.9 points
B	80 to 84.9 points
C+	70 to 79.9 points
C	60 to 69.9 points
D	50 to 59.9 points
F	0 to 49.9 points

This scale will be adjusted as circumstances—such as the overall class score distribution—warrant. Final grades are not subject to negotiation or requests for extra opportunities after total points have been earned and grades posted. Failure to meet a cutoff for a grade means that grade has not been earned. Finally, out of respect for your privacy, I cannot discuss grades over email. If you have a question, please see me during office hours.

- Make-up exams** Exams are to be taken only on the days they are scheduled (see schedule below). Any missed exam will earn a grade of zero points. The only exceptions to this, and granted only with documentation to prove it and then only at my discretion, will be for critical issues such as a medical emergency. If this is the case, I need to be notified before the exam. Vacation, travel and other elective absences are not excuses for missing an exam or assignment. If permitted, make-up exams can only be taken during the one session per week offered by the Economics Department, without exception.
- Academic integrity** Familiarize yourself with the university's policy on academic integrity: <http://academicintegrity.rutgers.edu/academic-integrity-policy/>
I will not hesitate to enforce the policy at any sign of a violation of it.
- Absence reporting** Students are expected to attend all classes. If you expect to miss more than one or two classes because of illness or a family emergency, use the University absence reporting website <https://sims.rutgers.edu/ssra/> to indicate the date and reason for your absence. However, doing so does not excuse you from completing work assigned in this course on time. The policies mentioned under the heading *Make-up exams* still apply.
- Accommodations** It is the responsibility of any student needing accommodation for a disability to seek that accommodation through the procedures and guidelines set by the Office of Disability Services (<https://ods.rutgers.edu>) and to let me know.
- Classroom behavior** In order to make the most of the short time we have to cover a lot of material, it will be important to respect that time and to avoid distractions. Do not use cell phones, listen to music, eat and drink, carry on conversations with others, do work for other classes, sleep, arrive late, leave early, or otherwise distract me and your classmates.
- Photography, audio recording, and video recording in class are expressly prohibited. Laptops are strongly discouraged for a few reasons: Not only do they create a distraction for me and the students around you, there is research to show that students who use laptops for note taking absorb and retain lecture material less effectively than those who take handwritten notes. Furthermore, economics relies heavily on graphical analysis such that paper and pencil are the most effective way of taking notes.
- Keys to success** Lectures will include real-world as well as abstract scenarios to illustrate the concepts being covered and will frequently include material not found in the text book. Additional required readings will be posted to Sakai, usually before the relevant lecture on that topic. You will get the most out of lectures by reading the text ahead of the date on which that topic will be covered, thus allowing you to participate actively in class as opposed to simply taking notes. I will not upload actual lecture notes to Sakai nor will I email them to you. It is your responsibility, after all, to take notes in class as you find necessary.
- All material you are exposed to will serve as the basis for your evaluation in this course. Therefore, you will succeed in proportion to your use of the resources available to you. If you are not fully engaged in the lectures, don't read the text before lectures, don't ask questions in class or during office hours, or don't fully use LaunchPad, don't read the required readings on Sakai, your performance in this course will suffer.

Schedule

This is a tentative schedule and therefore subject to change. I will notify you in class and on Sakai of any changes. Readings in addition to the textbook will be posted to Sakai. Exam coverage will be announced in class several days before each scheduled exam.

Week	Date	Topics	Chapters in textbook
1	09/07/17	Introduction to the world economy	1
2	09/11/17	Ricardian model of trade	2
2	09/14/17	Gains from trade and factors of production	3
3	09/18/17	Heckscher-Ohlin model of trade	4
3	09/21/17	Heckscher-Ohlin model of trade (continued)	4
4	09/25/17	Labor and capital mobility	5
4	09/28/17	Labor and capital mobility (continued)	5
5	10/02/17	Gravity equation and intra-industry trade	6 (section 6.4 only)
5	10/05/17	Restraints on trade: perfect competition scenario	8
6	10/09/17	First exam (coverage to be announced)	
6	10/12/17	Restraints on trade: imperfect competition scenario	9
7	10/16/17	International trade agreements	11
7	10/19/17	Global finance and foreign exchange	12
8	10/23/17	Foreign exchange and arbitrage	13
8	10/26/17	Purchasing power parity	14
9	10/30/17	Inflation and exchange rates	14
9	11/02/17	Asset approach to foreign exchange	15
10	11/06/17	Long-run and short-run effects	15
10	11/09/17	National income accounts	16
11	11/13/17	Second exam (coverage to be announced)	
11	11/16/17	Balance of payments	16
12	11/20/17	Macroeconomic variables in an open economy	18
12	11/21/17	IS-LM analysis of an open economy	18
13	11/27/17	Fixed vs floating exchange rate systems	19
13	11/30/17	Fixed vs floating exchange rate systems (cont.)	19
14	12/04/17	Bretton Woods and the IMF	19
14	12/07/17	The history of European integration	21
15	12/11/17	Challenges facing the European Union	21
Finals	12/19/17	Third (final) exam (coverage to be announced)	

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<http://codu.co/cee05e>

Counseling, ADAP & Psychiatric Services (CAPS)
for non-emergency psychological health issues
(848) 932-7884
17 Senior Street, New Brunswick, NJ 08901
<http://www.rhscaps.rutgers.edu/>

Violence Prevention & Victim Assistance (VPVA)
(848) 932-1181
3 Bartlett Street, New Brunswick, NJ 08901
<http://www.vpva.rutgers.edu/>

Office of Disability Services
(848) 445-6800
Lucy Stone Hall, Suite A145, Livingston, 54 Joyce Kilmer Avenue, Piscataway, NJ 08854
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