

Economics 101: International Trade
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TTh 12:30-1:50, Peterson 110

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SYLLABUS

The purpose of this course is to provide an understanding of issues in economic relations among countries and to develop a framework for analyzing these issues. Major topics to be covered include the determinants of trade in goods and services, international flows of labor and capital, and the effects of trade policy on economic welfare. International financial issues are covered in Economics 103.

Lectures and Problem Sets: You are responsible for all the material and announcements in the lectures. If you miss one, borrow someone's notes. There will be seven or eight problem sets. Students are permitted to work together on problem sets. No late problem sets will be accepted. Answers to the problem sets will be available on the class web site (<http://webct.ucsd.edu>) after each due date.

Grading: Your grade will be determined on the basis of a midterm exam (32%), a final exam (48%), and the problem sets (20%). The midterm will cover the first half of the course and the final will cover the second half. No makeup exams will be given.

The text for this course is:

Feenstra, Robert C. and Taylor, Alan M., *International Trade*, 2009, hereafter called FT.

There are also a small number of additional readings. These will be on reserve at the Social Science and Humanities Library.

Course Outline

0. Introduction

FT, Ch. 1

I. The Ricardian Model of Trade

FT, Ch. 2

II. The Heckscher-Ohlin Model of Trade

FT, Ch. 4

III. Applications and Extensions of the Ricardian and Heckscher-Ohlin Models

A. The Product Cycle

Appleyard, Dennis R.; Field, Alfred J.; and Cobb, Steven L. *International Economics*, 6th ed., 2008, pp. 175-179

B. Foreign Outsourcing

FT, Ch. 7, sections 1 and 3

IV. International Movement of Labor

FT, Ch. 5, pp. 152-160

Borjas, George J. *Heaven's Door*, 1999, pp. 6-18

Reich, Robert B. *The Work of Nations*, 1991, Chs. 14, 24

MIDTERM EXAMINATION

V. International Movement of Capital

Krugman, Paul R. and Obstfeld, Maurice, *International Economics*, 8th ed., 2009, pp. 160-163 and 176-178

VI. Monopolistic Competition and Intraindustry Trade

FT, Ch. 6

VII. Import Tariffs and Quotas

FT, Ch. 8

Caves, Richard E.; Frankel, Jeffrey A.; and Jones, Ronald W. *World Trade and Payments*, 9th ed., 2001, Ch. 10

VIII. International Agreements: Trade, Labor, and the Environment

FT, Ch. 11

Bagwell, Kyle and Robert W. Staiger, "The WTO as a Mechanism for Securing Market Access Property Rights: Implications for Global Labor and Environmental Issues," *Journal of Economic Perspectives* 15 (Summer 2001): 69-88.

Meier, Gerald M. and Rauch, James E. *Leading Issues in Economic Development*, 8th edition, 2005, pp. 599-602.

FINAL EXAMINATION