

International Economics (ECON 390) Syllabus

1 Course Information

Course: ECON 390 - International Economics

Section: 001

Prerequisites: ECON 306 and Econ 311

Meeting Time: Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays 12:30pm-1:20pm

Location: Nguyen Engineering Building 1109

Instructor: Anna B. Faria

Email: asanch17@gmu.edu

Office Location: Workstation 242 on the third floor of Enterprise Hall

Office Hours: By appointment (please contact me via email)

Note: I will not reply to non-GMU emails (please refer to Subsection 5.1 for more information).

2 Course Description

The objective of this course is to provide students with analytic knowledge of International Economics topics. The main focus of the course is International Trade, with interrelated International Finance topics. The student is expected at the end of the semester to have a broad knowledge of Trade and Finance theory, application, and empirical evidence.

3 Grading

Your final grade will consist of your performance in the following assessments:

Quizzes	.....	24%
Homework	.....	10%
Exam 1	.....	22%
Exam 2	.....	14%
Final	.....	30%

3.1 Grading Scale

A	93% - 100%	C+	77% - 80%
A-	90% - 93%	C	73% - 77%
B+	87% - 90%	C-	70% - 73%
B	83% - 87%	D	60% - 70%
B-	80% - 83%	F	0% - 60%

3.2 Quizzes

I will give 12 closed-book quizzes throughout the semester. You will have between 10 and 15 minutes at the beginning of class to complete the quiz. I will let you know how much time you have before each quiz. Each quiz will consist of 4 to 10 questions relating to the material covered in the lectures since the most recent quiz, exam or homework assignment. Each quiz is worth 2 points, adding up to a maximum 24 points. There are no make-up quizzes. All written answers

must be in black or blue pen. All final numerical answers must also be in black or blue pen, while your numerical reasoning may be done in pencil.

3.3 Homework

There will be 2 homework assignments throughout the semester. Each assignment is worth 5 points, adding up to a maximum 5 points. All homework assignments are due in the beginning of the class period. All answers must be typed. I will not accept online homework submissions, no exceptions.

3.4 Exams 1 and 2

Exam 1 will be held on Monday, March 16 during class period. You will have 50 minutes to complete the exam. Exam 1 will cover all topics of Lectures 1 through 20, and is closed-book. All written answers must be in black or blue pen. All final numerical answers must also be in black or blue pen, while your numerical reasoning may be done in pencil.

Exam 2 will be held on Monday, April 13 during class period. You will have 50 minutes to complete the exam. Exam 2 will cover all topics of Lectures 22 through 32, and is closed-book. All written answers must be in black or blue pen. All final numerical answers must also be in black or blue pen, while your numerical reasoning may be done in pencil.

3.5 Final Exam

The final exam will be held on May 11 from 10:30am to 1:15pm in Nguyen Engineering Building 1109. The final exam will cover the entire course material and is closed-book. All written answers must be in black or blue pen. All final numerical answers must also be in black or blue pen, while your numerical reasoning may be done in pencil.

4 Instructor Policies

4.1 Attendance

Attendance, while not mandatory, is highly suggested. Some quiz and exams questions will come from the lecture and class discussions.

4.2 Classroom Behavior and Participation

Much like attendance, participation is not mandatory, but highly suggested. If you do not participate, it will not affect your grades negatively, but insightful input could help your final grade.

This may come to you as a surprise, but you are allowed to use electronic devices in the classroom, provided that you do not disturb the class. Inappropriate chatting and other class disturbing behavior will lead to grade penalties. No electronics or study materials allowed during exams.

4.3 Contesting your Answers and Grading

If you would like to contest one of your answers or grades throughout the semester you must observe the following:

- You must have ready a written explanation of your appeal, with evidence.
- I will regrade the entire quiz, exam or assignment that you appeal.
- If your appeal consists of an attempt to circumvent any of the existing syllabus policies, I will dismiss it.
- In order to arrange a meeting during which you can present your written argument, send me an email so we can coordinate a time to meet.

These observations do not apply if I have incorrectly added your points. If this is the case, you can talk to me at the end of class within a week of receiving the quiz, exam or assignment back.

4.4 Blackboard Use

All grades will be posted on Blackboard. Having your grades up on the website should allow you to calculate your grade at any point of the semester. You will also find homework assignments and answer keys in the Assignments folder. If Blackboard is not set up for you, let me know.

5 University Policies

5.1 Mason Email Account

Students must use their MasonLive email account to receive important University information, including messages related to this class. I cannot guarantee that I will receive your non-Mason email and for that reason will disregard all non-Mason communication attempts. If you have sent me an email and did not receive a response within 48 hours, please do not hesitate to email me again.

5.2 Add and Drop Deadlines

- Last Day to Add: January 27, 2015
- Last Day to Drop: February 20, 2025
- Selective Withdrawal Period: February 23 March 27

5.3 Office of Disability Services

If you are a student with a disability and you need academic accommodations, please see me and contact the Office of Disability Services (ODS) at 993-2474, <http://ods.gmu.edu>. All academic accommodations must be arranged through the ODS.

5.4 Honor Code

All George Mason University students have agreed to abide by the letter and the spirit of the Honor Code. All violations of the Honor Code will be reported to the Honor Committee for review. This includes, for example, cheating, copying someone else's work, and plagiarism. If you believe your behavior may be a violation of the Honor Code, please refer to <http://oai.gmu.edu/the-mason-honor-code> for more information.

6 Course Readings

The required book for this class is:

- Steven Husted and Michael Melvin's "International Economics" Ninth Edition (2013)

7 Course Outline and Readings

I will upload a Course Outline to Blackboard before the first day of class. There are no readings for Wednesday, January 21. All content of the Course Outline is tentative. I reserve the right to change the schedule should the need arise. I will inform you of any updates via email.