

International Economic Policy

Econ 385-003

Spring 2021

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Course Overview

Introduces economic way of thinking on trade and international finance. Presents historical and current information on consequences of trade and protectionism. Notes: May not be applied toward the elective course requirement needed for a major or minor in economics. Limited to three attempts.

Textbooks and Readings

Assigned readings will be posted on Blackboard. In addition to these, the following textbook is required:

Modern Principles of Economics (5th Ed.) by Cowen and Tabarrok

Recommended Prerequisites

None.

Grading

Course grades are based on a midterm exam, a final exam and three problem sets. They are weighted as follows:

Midterm Exam	30%
Final Exam	40%
Problem Sets	30%

Exams

The midterm exam is scheduled for March 9.

There are no make-up exams. If you miss the midterm exam due to an emergency, the weight of that exam will be shifted to the final exam.

Problem Sets

Problem sets are distributed two weeks before they are due; the due dates can be found on the tentative schedule on the course syllabus.

Each problem set is worth 10% of your overall course grade.

Grading Scale

A+ (100-98), A (97-93), A- (92-90), B+ (89-87), B (86-83), B- (82-80), C+ (79-77), C (76-73), C- (72-70), D (69-60), F (59-0)

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Tentative Schedule

Week 1.....Introduction (C&T Ch. 1,2)

Week 2.....Supply, Demand and Equilibrium I (C&T Ch. 3,4,5)

Week 3.....Supply, Demand and Equilibrium II (C&T Ch. 6,7,8)

Week 4.....Growth I (C&T Ch. 26,27)

Week 5.....Growth II (C&T Ch. 28,29)

 - Problem Set I due

Week 6.....International Trade (C&T Ch. 9)

Week 7.....Midterm Exam

Week 8.....Money and Inflation (C&T Ch. 31,32)

Week 9.....International Finance (C&T Ch. 38)

Week 10.....Globalization I

 - Problem Set 2 Due

Week 11.....Globalization II

Week 12.....Political Economy and Public Choice I (C&T Ch. 20)

Week 13Political Economy and Public Choice II

 - Problem Set 3 Due

Week 14.....Special Topics

Final Exam.....**May 4, 7:30-10:15PM**