

Econ 3500 – International Economics

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Tuesday/Thursday 9:10-10:30 SW 131

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COMING TO CLASS LATE, TEXTING, SURFING THE INTERNET ARE INCREDIBLY RUDE. PLEASE DON'T DO IT. It is sad that it has become necessary to tell students not to do things they should know better not to do, but here it is, cell phones and computers are not allowed and you will be asked to leave. Attendance is not taken (but you will do better if you show up) and you are not required to be in class. Therefore, don't be "that guy."

International economics can be broken into two distinct fields: trade and monetary. While covering both aspects in a one semester course is difficult, this course will do just that. There have been substantial debates on free-trade versus protectionist trade policies and the best monetary policies to pursue; this class will attempt to present both sides of the argument to allow you, the student, to make educated decisions. While there is an assigned text book, you would be well served to read the newspaper as we will be discussing some current happenings in the world economy. Debate and the questioning of ideas is strongly encouraged; if there is something being discussed that you disagree with, please speak up and

Assigned Text:

"International Economics: Theory and Policy, 9th Edition" Krugman, Obstfeld, and Melitz

You can find this as an etext on <http://coursecompass.com> along with the required MyEconLab. A loose-leaf copy is available through the website at a lower cost, but resale will be more difficult.

Homework:

MyEconLab is an excellent resource and will be used extensively throughout this course. There will be homework assignments due for each chapter covered throughout the semester. Due dates for these assignments can be found on myeconlab.com, but tend to follow the trajectory of being due a week after the material has been covered at midnight. Please keep up to date with MyEconLab as no late assignments will be accepted. Possibly the most important of these assignments is the introduction to MyEconLab where you learn how to use the software. Your homework grade will be the average of all homework assignments with your lowest grade dropped.

To log on go to <http://www.myeconlab.com> and enter the following access code: XLOU-01K1-901Z-8C02

Exams:

There will be a midterm on February 23rd which will cover parts 1 and 2. There will also be a cumulative final exam.

Grades:

I do not give makeup exams, extra credit, or late submissions. For every assignment you have ample time to study and turn it in on time. Under no circumstances will I allow a "special" assignment for someone – University policy states that every opportunity must be extended to the entire class. Grades will be calculated on the standard scale: A (100-93), A- (92-90), B+ (89-87), etc.

Breakdown:

Homework Assignments	45%
Midterm	25%
Cumulative Final	30%
Total	100%

General Schedule (Subject to change)

Part 1: International Trade Theory

Chapters: 2,3,5,6

4 weeks

Part 2: International Trade Policy

Chapters: 9,11

2 weeks

Part 3: Exchange Rates and Open-Economy Macroeconomics

Chapters: 13,14,15,16,17,18

5 weeks

Part 4: International Macroeconomic Policy

Chapters: 19,22

2 weeks

Important Dates:

February 23: Midterm

March 12-17: Spring Break, No Class

April 24: No Class

May 3, 8-10am: Final Exam