

GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY  
ECONOMICS 243 INTERNATIONAL TRADE

Summer 2021  
June 7 - July 9

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**Description:** This course will begin with an overview of the foundational models of international trade, including the Ricardian model, the Heckscher-Ohlin model, and the Increasing Returns to Scale model. We will study the main factors contributing to the patterns of international trade, as well as the effect of trade on wages and the distribution of income. The second half of this course is focused on the institutions that govern the world trading system. We will examine the political economy of governments' trade policy decisions, and the effects of trade policy instruments such as tariffs and quotas on trade volume and welfare.

**Prerequisites:** The course is intended for undergraduates who have completed an introductory course in economics. The most complicated math we will (infrequently) use in this course is simple derivatives. I will teach a lecture on math tools during our first class and cover additional concepts in class if the need arises.

**Course Pages:**

1. [TBDCanvasLink](#)

**Office Hours:** TBD

**References:** Lecture notes will be uploaded to Canvas prior to class. Any other course materials such as homework, solutions, and supplementary documents will be posted on Canvas as the course progresses. Readings will be assigned to augment the lecture notes from:

- Krugman, Paul, Maurice Obstfeld, and Marc Melitz, *International Economics: Theory and Policy*, 11th Edition, Addison-Wesley [9th and 10th editions are OK too, page numbers may differ slightly]

**Evaluation:** Problem Sets (15%), Midterm 1 (25%), Midterm 2 (25%), Final (35%).

**Important Dates:**

Problem Set 1 .....	June 11
Midterm 1 .....	June 16
Problem Set 2 .....	June 21
Midterm 2 .....	June 25
Problem Set 3 .....	June 30
Final Exam .....	July 9

**Academic Integrity:** You pledged with all other entering students to uphold the high standards of academic conduct expected by Georgetown faculty and the Honor System. As such, all students are expected to fully adhere to the policies and procedures of Georgetown's Honor System. A student found in violation of the Honor Code will be referred to the Honor Council.

**Preliminary Course Outline:**

<b>Week</b>	<b>Topics</b>
Week 1 (6/7 - 6/11)	Introduction to Trade Math Preliminaries Ricardian Model Specific Factors Model
Week 2 (6/14 - 6/18)	Heckscher-Ohlin Model Economies of Scale Firms, Multinationals, and Offshoring
Week 3 (6/21 - 6/25)	International Migration Trade Policy History and Institutions World Trading System
Week 4 (6/28 - 7/2)	Tools of Trade Policy The Political Economy of Trade Policy Strategic Trade Policy
Week 5 (7/5 - 7/9)	Trade Policy Uncertainty Trade and the Environment