

# Georgetown University - Summer 2021

## Economics 243: International Trade

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**Office Hour:** TBD

**Class:** MTWR 1:00pm-3:00pm

**Course Description:** The objective of the course is to help you understand the fundamentals of international trade. The first half of the course explores the economic theory and analytic tools. So we will look into different trade models, which enable you to investigate how different factors are related and built the foundation for the second half of class. In second part of the course, we will discuss different trade policies and apply the model to analyze their impacts.

**Textbook & Resources:** International Economics, by Paul Krugman, Maurice Obstfeld, and Marc Melitz (11th edition, earlier edition is also fine) - referred as KOM later.

**Grading:** Final grades for the course will be calculated using the weights given below. Grades cannot be negotiated. Problem sets will be graded based on completion.

Problem Set	20%
Midterm(in class, June 21th)	30%
Final Exam(last day of class, July 8th)	50%

### Important Dates:

Problem Set #1	.....	June 13, 8pm on Canvas
Midterm	.....	June 21, in class
Problem Set #2	.....	June 13, 8pm on Canvas
Problem Set #3	.....	July 4, 8pm on Canvas
Final Exam	.....	July 8, in class

## Course Outline:

Week 1		
June 7	Introduction	KOM Ch1,2
June 8	Ricardian Model	KOM Ch3
June 9	Specific Factors Model	KOM Ch4
June 10	Heckscher-Ohlin Model	KOM Ch5
Week 2		
June 14	Standard Trade Model	KOM Ch6
June 15	Economies of Scale	KOM Ch7
June 16	Firms:Export Decisions and Multi-nationality	KOM Ch8
June 17	Wrap-up and Review	
Week 3		
June 21	Midterm	
June 22	Instruments of Trade Policy	KOM Ch9
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June 24	Instruments of Trade Policy	KOM Ch9
Week 4		
June 28	Political Economy:Free Trade	KOM Ch10
June 29	Political Economy:International Negotiations	KOM Ch10
June 30	Issues in Developing Countries	KOM Ch11
July 1	Controversies	KOM Ch12
Week 5		
July 5	NO CLASS	
July 6	Trade Policy and Institutions	
July 7	Wrap-up and Review	
July 8	Final Exam	