

ECON 243: International Trade

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Class: MTWR 3:30pm-5:25pm White-Gravenor 213

OH: by appointment

Course Description

This course covers the theory and practice of international trade. The first part of the course develops the classical and modern theories of the determination of the pattern of commodity trade between nations. The second part of the course covers trade policy and the role of institutions in managing world trade.

Required Materials

No textbooks required, but a good reference is Krugman, Paul, Maurice Obstfeld, and Marc Melitz, *International Economics: Theory and Policy*, 11th Edition, Addison-Wesley.

Evaluation

20% homework + 40% midterm + 40% final, final is not cumulative.

4-5 homework assignment, sample exam will be provided 3 days before the exam.

Curve suggested by Econ Department: 50% As, 45% Bs, and 5% Cs.

Course Structure

Week 1

Ricardian Model

Specific Factors Model

Week 2

Heckscher-Ohlin Model

The Pattern of Trade

Trade and Income Distribution

Week 3

Economies of Scale
Firms, Multinationals and Offshoring

Week 4

Tariffs, Quotas, Non-tariff Barriers
Political Economy of Trade Policy

Week 5

Strategic Trade Policy
Migration
Trade and the Environment

Title IX Syllabus Statement (endorsed by Faculty Senate)

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If you would prefer to speak to someone confidentially, Georgetown has a number of fully confidential professional resources that can provide support and assistance. These resources include:

Health Education Services for Sexual Assault Response and Prevention: confidential email sarp@georgetown.edu

Counseling and Psychiatric Services (CAPS): 202.687.6985 or after hours, call (833) 960-3006 to reach Fonemed, a telehealth service; individuals may ask for the on-call CAPS clinician

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(Above statement and TIX faculty resources found at:

<https://sexualassault.georgetown.edu/get-help/guidance-for-faculty-and-staff-on-how-to-support-students/>

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