

Econ335-03: International Economics

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The internet address for this course: go to the above page and then follow the link to Teaching->Spring 2004 at CSUF->Econ335.

You **MUST** establish your password to be able to download and view most of the course materials and to get the self-graded homework graded.

1 Course objective

Our main focus in this course will be to understand some of the more recent developments in the international economic orders such as various trade blocs (European Union, NAFTA, ASEAN etc), international capital flows and international financial crises (as in Thailand, Indonesia Korea). To analyze these and other related issues systematically, we must first develop the appropriate economic framework. The course will do all that.

Note: This course meets the General Education (G.E.) requirement in category III.C.2. Implications, Explorations, and Participatory Experience in the Social Sciences. It includes the following goals for student learning: a. To understand broad, unifying themes in the Social Sciences from cross-disciplinary perspectives, b. To solve complex problems that require social scientific reasoning, c. To relate the social sciences to significant social problems or to other related disciplines. The course includes a significant writing component with evaluations offering opportunities for students to improve their writing.

Academic Dishonesty: Academic dishonesty of any kind will not be tolerated. It will lead to a grade of F and will be reported to the administration for further action.

2 Course requirements

Mid Term Exam 1 (20%), Mid-term Exam 2 (20%), Graded Homework (10%), Paper and Presentation (20%), class participation and attendance (random days and times) (5%) and Cumulative Final Exam (25%). **The letter grades criterion:** The above weighted average of all the scores in the range [90-100] is A, in the range [80-90) is B, in the range [70-80) is C, in the range [60-70) is D, and in the range [0-60) is F. If you did not submit your homework on time or you make any mistake, there will be no adjustment. There will be no make-up exams. If you have a letter from the Dean or the Chair of the Department before the date of the exam certifying you to miss a mid-term exam, the weight of that missing mid-term exam will be shifted equally to the remaining two exams.

Paper and Presentation:

Form a group of four students for paper and presentation. If you could not form, I will assign group members from those who could not form a group of four. The details of the format and topic of the paper and presentations will be discussed later in class. **Starting May 4**, it is **mandatory** that you meet with me to discuss your progress on the paper and presentation. Failure to do so will lead to non-acceptable paper and presentation. If two papers or presentations look alike or if it becomes apparent that someone else has written the paper for you, it becomes a case of academic dishonesty and will be dealt with as mentioned above.

TEXT: Thomas A. Pugel and Peter H. Lindert, "*International Economics*" **Eleventh Edition**, Irwin McGraw-Hill. (Abbreviation PL means the above text book)

Week of	Planned class activities
February 3	1. Introduction, (Chapter 1 of PL)
February 10	2. The Basic Theory of Trade (Ch. 2 of PL);
February 17, 24, March 2(half)	3. Ricardian Theory (Ch. 3 of PL), Heckscher-Ohlin Theory
March 2(half), 9	4. Who gains and who loses from Trade (Ch. 4 of PL)
March 16*	First Mid-Term Exam
March 23	5. Trade Policies -Tariff (Ch.7 of PL)
April 6	6. Non-tariff Barriers to import (Ch.8 of PL)
April 13	7. Pushing Exports, (Ch. 10 of PL)
April 20	8. Foreign Exchange (Ch. 15, 16, 17, 20)
April 27*	Second Mid-Term Examination <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Format for paper and presentation
May 4*	9. International Lending and Financial Crisis (Ch. 26) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May 4 and 6 mandatory meeting regarding paper and presentation
May 11, 18	Student paper presentation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Paper is due before class on May 11</u>
Final Exam*	May 27, Thursday 5:00-6:50PM