

ECON 3500: International Economics
Summer 2018

Course Information

(a complete syllabus will be distributed at the start of class)

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Lecture: M/W 9:00 am – 12:00 pm (BLDG 73, Rm. 105)
Credit hours: 3

Final Exam Date & Time: Wednesday June 20th, 9am-12pm

Course Description: “History, institutions, and theory of international economic relations. Alternative theories relating to the pattern of international trade, commercial policy, relationships between national income and international trade and payments, balance-of-payments adjustment, international monetary arrangements, and foreign investment.”

Course Objectives: This course provides an introduction to trade theory, policy and international monetary relations. At the end of the course, the student will be able to discuss (i) the basic models of international trade theory, (ii) the structure of international monetary systems and (iii) the controversies surrounding trade policy and financial globalization.

Prerequisites: ECON 2010 and 2020 (or instructor’s consent)

Texts:

1. *International Economics: Theory and Policy*, 10th edition by Krugman, Obstfeld, and Melitz. (ISBN: 978-0133423648)
2. Other readings (posted on Canvas)

Assignments, Exams and Grading: There will be weekly quizzes (given online via Canvas), which cover material from lectures and the assigned chapters. Quiz questions will be primarily multiple choice questions (with the occasional short-answer question) and will be graded based on correctness; I may also give written problems to turn in as a part of your quiz. You will have two attempts to complete each quiz (Canvas will record the highest score). *The lowest quiz score will be dropped at the end of the semester.* Quizzes will be due by 11:59pm on Sundays unless otherwise stated.

There will be one midterm (Wednesday, May 30th during our scheduled class time) and a cumulative final exam for this course, both of which will be written, in-class/closed-book exams. Any material that we cover in class is fair game for the exams.

Final grades will be calculated based on the following distribution:

Cumulative Final Exam (Wednesday, June 20th)	35%
Midterm Exam (Wednesday, May 30th)	25%
Quizzes	20%
Participation	20%

Unless stated otherwise, numerical scores correspond to letter grades as follows:

≥ 93.00	A	73.00 - 76.99	C
90.00 - 92.99	A-	70.00 - 72.99	C-
87.00 - 89.99	B+	67.00 - 69.99	D+
83.00 - 86.99	B	63.00 - 66.99	D
80.00 - 82.99	B-	60.00 - 62.99	D-
77.00 - 79.99	C+	≤ 59.99	E

According to university policy (found here <http://regulations.utah.edu/academics/6-100.php>), letter grades should reflect the following levels of achievement:

A, A-	“excellent performance, superior achievement”;
B+, B, B-	“good performance, substantial achievement”;
C+, C, C-	“standard performance and achievement”;
D+, D, D-	“substandard performance, marginal achievement”;
E	“unsatisfactory performance and achievement.”

Important Dates:

Thurs. 5/17....	Last day to add/drop(delete)
Sun. 5/20.....	Quiz 1 (11:59pm)
Mon., 5/28.....	Memorial Day (no class)
Tues. 5/29.....	Quiz 2 (11:59pm)
Wed., 5/30...	Midterm Exam
Fri., 6/1	Last day to withdraw
Sun. 6/10.....	Quiz 3 (11:59pm)
Sun. 6/17.....	Quiz 4 (11:59pm)
Wed., 6/20...	Final Exam