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Course Description:
This course offers the main theoretical tools in international trade at an intermediate level. Although the exposition of the course material will be graphical, students are expected to have some facility with elementary mathematics. Problem sets will be handed out to complement the classroom lectures. Students are strongly encouraged to solve these problems and discuss any difficulties they may have in doing so with the instructor or the Teaching Assistant.

Prerequisite:
ECON 1000 or FYSM 1003. Students who believe they have taken a similar background course or courses from another university must provide appropriate documentation to the Department of Economics Undergraduate Advisor, Amanda Wright.

Required Text:

Recommended Text:

Evaluation:
First mid-term examination (1¼ hours in class)  26%  Wednesday, October 5, 2011
Second mid-term examination (1¼ hours in class) 26%  Wednesday, November 2, 2011
Final examination (2½ hours) 48%  Scheduled by the University

The first mid-term examination will cover everything from the first class of the term up to and including the class prior to the exam. The second mid-term examination will cover everything from the class following the first mid-term exam up to and including the class prior to the second exam. Students who can document a compelling reason for missing a mid-term exam will be excused and their final grade will be based on their performance in the rest of the course; i.e., the weight of each of the remaining evaluation instruments will rise by a factor of 50/37. Students must inform the instructor of such an absence in advance, if possible.
Satisfactory Performance Criteria:

Students must fulfil all of the preceding course requirements in order to achieve a passing grade (D- or higher). Failure to write one or both mid-term examinations (without a documented compelling reason) will result in a grade of FND (“Failure with No Deferred final examination allowed”). Failure to write the final examination when the student has achieved satisfactory performance during the term will result in a grade of ABS (“ABSent from a required final examination”). See Academic Regulation 2.3 for the official meanings of these grades, and note that it stipulates that no course grades are final until approved by the Faculty Dean. Application to write a deferred final examination must be made at the Registrar’s Office.

Plagiarism:

Please be aware that plagiarism is serious offence at Carleton and should be recognized and avoided. For further information on how to do so, please see “Pammett on Plagiarism and Paraphrasing” at www.carleton.ca/economics/courses/writing-preliminaries/.

Academic Accommodations for Students with Disabilities:

Students with disabilities needing academic accommodations are required to contact a co-ordinator at the Paul Menton Centre (PMC) to complete the necessary letters of accommodation. The student must then make an appointment to discuss their needs with the instructor at least two weeks prior to the first class test. This is to ensure sufficient time is available to make the necessary accommodation arrangements. Please note the following deadline for submitting completed forms to the PMC for formally scheduled exam accommodations: November 11, 2011.

Other Important Notes:

1. All take-home assignments, relevant course material, and announcements will be available on the WebCT under ECON 3601 A, which can be accessed through the Carleton University Web site (www.carleton.ca) during the term. Students may also participate in discussion groups through WebCT. The instructor will be participating in the discussions as well.

2. Office-hour time will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. Appointments outside office hours are not generally available. Note that I will not reply to questions about course material via e-mail or telephone. Such questions should be raised during office hours. E-mails asking questions such as What was covered in the last class? What chapters will be on the exam? When will grades be posted? etc. will not be answered. All such information is given in class, and it is your responsibility to collect that information in class. If you cannot be in class, it is your responsibility to find out what was covered by making arrangements with a colleague. Note also that, for verification and security purposes, I will not reply to e-mails originating from non-Carleton e-mail accounts, and that do not contain a student’s name and student number. Every Carleton student is entitled to a free Connect account, and it is your responsibility to obtain one and learn how to use it. In addition, I do not reply to form letters or group mailings, so an e-mail not specifically addressed to me will be unread and deleted. Information on grades or grade-related matters is never given out via e-mail or by telephone in accordance with security and privacy regulations. Any such requests for information will not be answered.
Course Outline:

1. Introduction to International Trade (Chapters 1 and 2)
2. Labour Productivity and Comparative Advantage: The Ricardian Model (Chapter 3)
3. Resources, Comparative Advantage and Income Distribution (Chapter 4)
4. The Standard Trade Model (Chapter 5)
5. Economies of Scale, Imperfect Competition, and International Trade (Chapter 6)
6. The Instruments of Trade Policy (Chapter 8)
7. The Political Economy of Trade Policy (Chapter 9)
8. International Factor Movements (Chapter 7)
9. Trade Policy in Developing Countries (Chapter 10)
10. Controversies in Trade Policy (Chapter 11)