CARLETON UNIVERSITY
Department of Economics

ECON 3601 A – Introduction to International Trade
2013 Late Summer

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Course Description
This course is an extension of the basic principles of the economics of international trade. The course introduces some key trade theory models providing basis for international specialization and gains from trade. The instruments as well as the political economy of trade policy are also covered in this course.

Prerequisites
The prerequisites for this course are ECON 1000 or FYSM 1003. Prerequisites (and preclusions) will be checked and strictly enforced by the Economics Department. Students lacking the necessary requirements will be de-registered. If you believe that you have an equivalent background or a similar course from other university, then you must contact the Department of Economics Undergraduate Advisor.

Preclusions
Credit for this course will not be given if taken concurrently with or after ECON 4601 (International Trade Theory and Policy). This course also precludes additional credit for ECON 3600 (Introduction to International Economics).

Required Text


Course Coverage and Assigned Readings in the Required Text
1. Introduction and Classical Trade Theory
   1.1. Introduction and an Overview of World Trade
       Readings: Chs. 1 & 2.
   1.2. Labour Productivity and Comparative Advantage: The Ricardian Model
       Readings: Ch. 3.
2. Factor Endowment and Neoclassical Trade Theory
   2.1. The Specific Factor Model and Income Distribution
       Readings: Ch. 4.
2.2. Resources and Trade: The Heckscher-Ohlin Model  
Readings: Ch. 5.

2.3 A Standard Model of a Trading Economy  
Readings: Ch. 6.

2.4 Economies of Scale and the International Location of Production  
Readings: Ch. 7.

3. Trade Policy  
3.1. The Instruments of Trade Policy  
Readings: Ch. 9.

3.2 The Political Economy of Trade Policy  
Readings: Ch. 10.

3.3 Trade Policy in Developing Countries  
Readings: Ch. 11.

3.4 Controversies in Trade Policy  
Readings: Ch. 12.

**Evaluation**

The final course grade will be calculated as a weighted-average of the following three components:

1. In-class Quizzes (three)  
   15%

2. Mid-term Examination  
   40%  
   (at the beginning of class on July 25, 2013)

3. Final Examination  
   45%

Students who can document a *very* compelling reason (example: serious illness of the student or death in the family) for missing the mid-term examination will be given a deferred examination provided the instructor is informed of the absence immediately. There will be no deferred in-class quizzes. Any missed quizzes for documented compelling reasons will have 47% of their weights shifted to the mid-term examination and 53% to the final examination. 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. Note also that course grades may be scaled upwards or downwards in a rank-preserving manner to better fit the relevant departmental distributional norm. Application to write a deferred final examination must be made at the Registrar’s Office.

**Accommodation for Students with Disabilities**

Students with disabilities requiring academic accommodations in this course are encouraged to contact a coordinator at the Paul Menton Centre for Students with Disabilities to complete the necessary letters of accommodation. After registering with the PMC, make an appointment to meet and discuss your needs with the instructor at least two weeks prior to the first in-class test. This is necessary in order to ensure sufficient time to make the necessary arrangements.

**Academic Integrity**

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.