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**Course Description**

This course is an extension of the basic principles of economics to international trade. It will introduce students to some of the most influential models of international trade to answer the question “Why do nations trade?” by describing the causes and effects of international trade. The course will also introduce students to the political economy of trade policy to answer the question “What should be a nation’s trade policy?” Key instruments of trade restrictions will also be explored in the course. After completing this course, students should be able to answer such questions as: “How do countries gain from trade?”, “How do countries decide what to export and what to import?”, “Are there circumstances where trade restrictions can be desirable to a country?”, “What are the ways countries restrict international trade?”, “Who can benefit and who can lose from trade restrictions?.”

**Course Prerequisites and Preclusions**

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 Administrator, Amanda Wright.

This course precludes additional credit for ECON 3600. Students will also not earn credit for this course if it is taken concurrently with or after ECON 4601.

**Required Text**

### Topics

1. Introduction to World Trade
   - Chapters 1-2
2. The Ricardian Model of International Trade
   - Chapter 3
3. The Specific Factors Model
   - Chapter 4
4. The Heckscher-Ohlin Model
   - Chapter 5
5. A Standard Model of a Trading Economy
   - Chapter 6

#### Mid-Term Examination****

6. External Economies of Scale and International Trade
   - Chapter 7
7. The Instruments of Trade Policy
   - Chapter 9
8. The Political Economy of Trade Policy
   - Chapter 10
9. Additional Topics in Trade Policy
   - 9.1 Trade Policy in Developing Countries
     - Chapter 11
   - 9.2 Controversies in Trade Policy
     - Chapter 12

*All assigned readings refer to chapters in the required textbook.*

Additional readings may be made available in the folder ‘Additional Readings’ on cuLearn. Students will be required to visit the course cuLearn page regularly for important announcements, readings and supplementary resources.

Any Additional resources utilized in class will be made available in the folder ‘Additional Resources.’ The folder will also contain practice problems intended to supplement classroom discussions. Students will find the practice problems extremely useful to solidify their understanding of the course material covered in lectures. They will be expected to work, preferably in group, on these problems.

Students will be strongly encouraged to make the best utilization of instructor and TA office hours for any help on the course material or practice problems. Under no circumstances, solutions or answers to the practice problems be made available on cuLearn.

### Evaluation

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

1. Mid-term Examination (February 25, 2019) 30%
2. Quizzes 15%
3. Class Participation 10%
4. Final Examination 45%

In all, three quizzes will be administered on dates announced one class in advance. No further make-up or deferred quizzes will be offered for any reason whatsoever.

There will be no deferred mid-term examination offered. Students who can document a compelling reason for missing the mid-term examination 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 20/14 (e.g., the final examination
weight will become $45\% \times \frac{20}{14} = 64.28\%$). Students must inform the instructor of such an absence as soon as possible in writing and in advance, if possible. Note that documentation (e.g. doctor’s note or police report) provided by students for missed midterm may be subject to verification.

Students who do not write/attend a final examination because of illness or other circumstances beyond their control may apply to write a deferred examination. Application to write a deferred final examination must be made at the Registrar’s Office.

No course grades are final until approved by the Faculty Dean. Refer to the ‘Course Evaluation’ segment in the undergraduate calendar for details with respect to grading system and standing in courses.

**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 (PMC) for Students with Disabilities at (613)520-6608 or pmc@carleton.ca to complete the necessary letters of accommodation. After requesting accommodation from PMC, please meet me to ensure accommodation arrangements are made. Please consult the PMC Web site for the deadline to request accommodations for the formally-scheduled exam (if applicable).

**Academic Accommodations for Pregnancy and/or Religious Obligations**

Students requiring accommodations for pregnancy-related and/or religious obligations must contact the instructor as soon as possible after the need for accommodations are known to exist. Please consult the Student Guide to academic accommodation for more details.

**Academic Integrity**

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