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OBJECTIVES:

The purpose of this course is to get students conversant with current topics in International Economics. We will study in depth a number of recent papers on several important topics. Students taking the course will learn how to analyze journal articles and gain the ability in doing their own research in international economics.

This course targets graduate students in economics and other related programs. Students who have taken an introductory course in international trade will benefit more from the class.

Prerequisites: None.

EVALUATION (two options to choose):

Option A: Take-home Midterm (40%); One Assignment (15% each); in-class Final (45%) – on the last day of the class.

Option B: Take-home Midterm (40%); One Assignment (15% each); Term Paper (45%) – due on the last day of the class.

Note: If you miss the mid-term examination for a documented compelling reason, the assigned weight will be added to the final examination (no makeup will be offered); Students who do not write/attend the 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. Note also that course grades may be scaled upwards or downwards in a rank-preserving manner to better fit the relevant departmental distributional norm. No course grades are final until approved by the Faculty Dean.

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/](http://www.carleton.ca/economics/courses/writing-preliminaries/).

Academic Accommodation:

You may need special arrangements to meet your academic obligations during the term. For an accommodation request, the processes are as follows:

Pregnancy obligation
Please contact your instructor with any requests for academic accommodation during the first two weeks of class, or as soon as possible after the need for accommodation is known to exist. For more details, visit the Equity Services website: carleton.ca/equity/wp-content/uploads/Student-Guide-to-Academic-Accommodation.pdf

Religious obligation
Please contact your instructor with any requests for academic accommodation during the first two weeks of class, or as soon as possible after the need for accommodation is known to exist. For more details, visit the Equity Services website: carleton.ca/equity/wp-content/uploads/Student-Guide-to-Academic-Accommodation.pdf

Academic Accommodations for Students with Disabilities
If you have a documented disability requiring academic accommodations in this course, please contact the Paul Menton Centre for Students with Disabilities (PMC) at 613-520-6608 or pmc@carleton.ca for a formal evaluation or contact your PMC coordinator to send your instructor your Letter of Accommodation at the beginning of the term. You must also contact the PMC no later than two weeks before the first in-class scheduled test or exam requiring accommodation (if applicable). After requesting accommodation from PMC, meet with your instructor as soon as possible to ensure accommodation arrangements are made. carleton.ca/pmc

Survivors of Sexual Violence
As a community, Carleton University is committed to maintaining a positive learning, working and living environment where sexual violence will not be tolerated, and is survivors are supported through academic accommodations as per Carleton's Sexual Violence Policy. For more information about the services available at the university and to obtain information about sexual violence and/or support, visit: carleton.ca/sexual-violence-support

Accommodation for Student Activities
Carleton University recognizes the substantial benefits, both to the individual student and for the university, that result from a student participating in activities beyond the classroom experience. Reasonable accommodation must be provided to students who compete or perform at the national or international level. Please contact your instructor with any requests for academic accommodation during the first two weeks of class, or as soon as possible after the need for accommodation is known to exist. https://carleton.ca/senate/wp-content/uploads/Accommodation-for-Student-Activities-1.pdf

For more information on academic accommodation, please contact the departmental administrator or visit: students.carleton.ca/course-outline

Topics to be covered in the course

1. Trade and Renewable Natural Resources
2. Trade, Wages, Unemployment, and Economic Growth
3. Strategic Trade Policy, and national and international environmental policy
4. Trade and the Environment
5. Monopolistic Competition in international trade, Trade costs, the home market effects, and New Economic Geography
6. Recent Investigation of Trade Patterns and Monopolistic competition with heterogeneous firms
7. International Outsourcing and Firm organization
8. Political Economy of Protection
9. Capital Flow and Financial Constraints