

Economics 3403
International Economics and Policy
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Course Description:

In this course, we will study the theories, policies, and institutions of international trade and finance. The economic, political, and social forces underlying many of the issues involved in international economics are complex, multi-faceted, and dynamic. They cannot be fully or easily analyzed in a professional lifetime, much less a one-semester course. They do, however, lend themselves extremely well to critical thinking and rational inquiry, which are the guiding principles of this course. Our goal is to become and remain informed about issues related to international economics and, even more importantly, acquire the ability to think about complex issues in a logical objective manner. Thinking critically is what permits us to differentiate between the illogical and the sensible, between the misleading use of statistics, misleading anecdotal evidence, and the reasonable presentation of information.

We will use several different models to analyze the different topics covered. These models are based largely on diagrams and some mathematics. You will be given problem sets that will be instrumental in your preparation for exams. I will cover all necessary material to complete these problem sets and prepare for exams in class. The text is helpful in understanding many of the topics will cover, but it will not help you at all for other topics and **you should not rely on it as your primary source of information.** I will post some summary outlines on the course website, **but these notes and the book are meant to complement what you learn in class – they are not substitutes for lecture materials!** **but also that**

you understand and remember the content. The prerequisites must be strictly enforced.

Emails:

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EXAMS WILL BE DROPPED!! _____ tentative – exams will be given in class on the days listed. **NO**

Clicker Points:

If you have three or more final exams scheduled on the same day, you are entitled to arrange an alternative exam time for the **last** exam or exams scheduled on that day. To qualify for rescheduling final exam times, you must provide evidence that you have three or more exams on the same day, and arrangements must be made with your instructor no later than the end of the sixth week of the semester (Friday, October 2, 2009).

Grading Scale:

<u>Your score</u>	<u>Grade</u>
92% to 100%	A
90% to 91%	A-
88% to 89%	B+
82% to 87%	B
80% to 81%	B-
78% to 79%	C+
72% to 77%	C
70% to 71%	C-
68% to 69%	D+
62% to 67%	D
60% to 61%	D-
Below 59.5%	F

Additional Notes:

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Religious holidays

Code of Behavior

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<http://www.colorado.edu/sexualharassment/>