ECO364H1F: INTERNATIONAL TRADE THEORY

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Lecture Schedule

Mondays, 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Zoom link:
https://utoronto.zoom.us/j/89624188413

This class is taught in hybrid mode. Weekly lectures will be live-streamed via Zoom. In case of a switch to in-person teaching, students will be notified in advance.

Instructor office hours are held online in zoom, while TA Office Hours are in person.

Office Hours

Shamil Sharapudinov: Wednesdays, 3:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Zoom link: https://utoronto.zoom.us/j/88592619727

Matthew Ladd: Thursdays, 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM
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Course Overview

This course provides an introduction to key concepts of international trade and covers some fundamental theoretical frameworks to analyze the global market for goods and services. The core objective of the course is to develop an understanding of the causes and consequences of international trade, who gains or loses from trade, the incentives for trade regulation, and the welfare effects of trade and trade policies. Specifically, this course will introduce students to topics such as labor productivity and comparative advantage, the effects of international trade between two-factor economies, income distribution and the gains from trade, international trade and imperfect competition, the instruments of trade policy, among others.

Prerequisites and Exclusions

Prerequisites:

- ECO200Y1 / ECO204Y1/ ECO206Y1
- ECO220Y1/ ECO227Y1 / (STA237H1, STA238H1) / (STA247H1, STA248H1) / (STA257H1, STA261H1)

Exclusions:

- ECO230Y1, ECO231H1

Please note that, given the course name and description, it will involve many theoretical frameworks that rely on some mathematical background. Given this, I expect that students have adequate preparation in calculus and have some basic knowledge of optimization theory, e.g., at the level required for the prerequisite courses mentioned above. I will also expect that you have basic preparation in linear regression analysis.

For assistance with enrolment, contact Sally Wong (ugadministrator.economics@utoronto.ca).

Grading Scheme

The grading scheme for the course will be as follows:

Problem Sets:	20%
Midterm Examination:	30%
Final Examination:	50%

Problem Sets

There are 4 problem sets scheduled for this course. The due dates for each problem set will be announced later during the course.

Students may work in groups of up to 3 people. In this case, both names must be clearly indicated on the submission. For the purpose of streamlining the submission, grading, and returning of problem sets, all assignments must be submitted online via Quercus in PDF format.

Textbooks

There are two recommended textbooks for this course:

- *International Economics: Theory and Policy*. Paul R. Krugman, Maurice Obstfeld, and Marc Melitz. Pearson, 9th Edition. (referred to as KOM in what follows)

- *International Economics*. Robert C. Feenstra and Alan M. Taylor. Worth Publishers, 4th Edition. (referred to as FT in what follows)

I do not require you to buy the newest edition of the textbook, allowing you to look for used copies online (e.g. Amazon.com) at discounts. Electronic versions should be the same. However, you are responsible for the most recent material when editions diverge.

Course Outline

Lecture	Date	Topic	Suggested Reading
1	Sep 8	World Trade: An Overview	FT Ch. 1 / KOM Ch. 1&2
2	Sep 15	Exchange Economies	-
3	Sep 22	Trade and Technology	FT Ch. 2 / KOM Ch. 3
4	Sep 29	Trade and Inequality	FT Ch. 3 / KOM Ch. 4
5	Oct 6	Trade and Factor Endowments I	FT Ch. 4 / KOM Ch. 5
6	Oct 20	Trade and Factor Endowments II	FT Ch. 4 / KOM Ch. 5
-	Nov 3	MIDTERM EXAM	-
7	Nov 10	Firms in the Global Economy	FT Ch. 6 / KOM Ch. 8
8	Nov 17	Offshoring	FT Ch. 7
9	Nov 24	Trade policy I	FT Ch. 8&9 / KOM Ch. 9
10	Dec 1	Trade policy II	FT Ch. 11 / KOM Ch. 10

! Please note the course outline (and the Midterm date) is tentative and may be subject to change as we progress. This draft represents my best guess for the material I want to cover this semester. Please refer to the date at the top of this document for the most recent version of the syllabus. The version posted on Quercus will always be the "right" version.

Policy for Late Problem Sets and Extension Requests

Late problem sets will not be accepted and will receive a score of zero. If you wish to request for an extension of a problem set deadline, you must do so at least 48 hours prior to the deadline. Extensions will be granted only for legitimate reasons supported by appropriate documentation, and the granting of extensions will be at the discretion of the course instructor and TAs. Please note that each student will be granted no more than one problem set extension throughout the course.

Policy for Missed Midterm Examination

If you miss the midterm examination for any reason, you must inform the course instructor via email *before* the exam. You must also record your absence through the ACORN online absence declaration system. If it is agreed that your absence was justified, you will be allowed to sit for a make-up midterm, which will be held within three weeks of the original exam.

Please also note that you will receive a score of zero on the midterm if you fail to inform the course instructor of your absence before the exam or if you miss the make-up exam. There will be strictly no exceptions to this policy.

Academic Integrity

All students are expected to follow the University's guidelines and policies on academic integrity. For students, this means following the standards of academic honesty when writing assignments, citing and using source material appropriately, collaborating with fellow students, and writing tests and exams. Ensure that the work you submit for grading represents your own honest efforts. Plagiarism representing someone else's words as your own or submitting work that you have previously submitted for marks in another class or program is a serious offence that can result in sanctions. See the U of T writing support website at www.utoronto.ca/writing. Consult the Code of Behaviour on Academic Matters for a complete outline of the University's policy and expectations.

Quercus Information

This course uses the University's learning management system, Quercus, to post information about the course. This includes posting readings and course assignments, as well as sharing important announcements and updates. The site is dynamic and new information and resources will be posted regularly as we move through the term, so please make it a habit to log in to the site on a regular, even daily, basis. To access the course website, go to the U of T Quercus log-in page at https://q.utoronto.ca. Once you have logged in to Quercus using your UTORid and password, you should see the link for ECO364H1F. Click on this link to open the course area, view the latest announcements, and access your course resources.

Please also note that any grades posted are for your information only, so you can view and track your progress through the course. No grades are considered official, including any posted in Quercus at any point in the term, until they have been formally approved and posted on ACORN at the end of the course. Please contact the course instructor as soon as possible if you think there is an error in any grade posted on Quercus.