



### EC341 International Economics

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<b>Term</b>	December 13, 2021 - January 7, 2022	<b>Credits</b>	4 units
<b>Class Hours</b>	Monday through Friday, 120 mins per teaching day		
<b>Total Contact Hours</b>	66 contact hours (1 contact hour = 45 mins, 3000 mins in total)		
<b>Required Texts (with ISBN)</b>	Dominick Salvatore (2015), <i>International Economics</i> , 12th Edition, Wiley-Blackwell. ISBN: 978-1-118-95574-1  Krugman, P, Obstfeld. M and M. Melitz (11th Edition), <i>International Finance: Theory and Policy</i> , Pearson Series in Economics, Prentice Hall. ISBN: 1292214872		
<b>Prerequisite</b>	Students are expected to have a thorough knowledge of an introductory economics course.		



## Course Overview

The course aims to introduce the essential theories and policies in international economics to senior undergraduate and post-graduate students. The course is composed by four main subjects. The first part focuses on international trade theories, followed by the second part: international trade policy. Part three includes international price factor into the international economy, particularly, it covered the theorem and practice of exchange market which influence the relative price in international trade. The last part deal with the open-economy macroeconomics, which discuss the connection between the international economics environment and domestic economy. The course not only aims to delivery the theoretical and policy knowledge, but to encourage students to use properly tools to analysis the world economic event.

## Learning Outcomes

After successfully completing this course you should be able to:

1. Demonstrate a knowledge of the international economics system
2. Have a basic knowledge of international trade and relative policy
3. Explore the tariff, nontariff barrier and trade union
4. Understanding of exchange rates and its influence on world price
5. Provide an in-depth understanding of the open economy policy

## Grading Policy

Attendance	15%
Mid-semester Exam	35%
Final Exam	50%

## Grading Scale is as follows

Number grade	Letter grade	GPA
90-100	A	4.0
85-89	A-	3.7
80-84	B+	3.3
75-79	B	3.0
70-74	B-	2.7
67-69	C+	2.3
65-66	C	2.0
62-64	C-	1.7
60-61	D	1.0
≤59	F (Failure)	0



## Class Schedule

Date	Lecture	Readings
Day 1	Course Introduction The law of comparative advantage	Chapters 1&2
Day 2	The standard theory of international trade	Chapter 3
Day 3	Offer curves and the terms of trade	Chapter 4
Day 4	Practice session on “International Trade”	Tutorial questions and supporting material
Day 5	Factor endowments and H-O theory	Chapter 5
Day 6	Economies of scale, imperfect competition and international trade	Chapter 6
Day 7	Tariffs, Nontariff barriers and the new protectionism	Chapter 8&9
Day 8	Economic integration: customs unions and free trade areas	Chapter 10
Day 9	Practice session on “International Trade”	Tutorial questions and supporting material
Day 10	<b>Mid-semester Exam</b>	N/A
Day 11	Balance of Payment	Chapter 13
Day 12	Foreign exchange markets and exchange rates	Chapter 14
Day 13	Price adjustment with flexible and fixed exchange rates	Chapter 16
Day 14	Practice session on “exchange rate”	Tutorial questions and supporting material
Day 15	The income adjustment and synthesis of automatic adjustment	Chapter 17
Day 16	Open-Economy Macroeconomics: Adjustment Policies	Chapter 18
Day 17	Prices and Output in an Open Economy	Chapter 19
Day 18	Course review	N/A
Day 19	Presentation	N/A
Day 20	<b>Final Exam</b>	N/A