ECO 480.001 International Economics Syllabus  
Monday and Wednesday, 1:00 – 2:15, McGee Business Room 237  
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Course Description – International trade theory, tariff and non-tariff barriers to trade, and international transactions statement analysis; foreign exchange analysis, direct investment, and current issues and events. Prerequisites: ECO 231, 232.

Course Goals: Upon completion of this course students will be able to identify and distinguish between competing trade theories. Students will also be able to determine the impacts of trade barriers on both domestic and foreign markets. Finally, students will develop the tools necessary to analyze current events relating to international trade including: trade restrictions, offshoring, changes in exchange rates, and flows and labor and capital across borders.

Prerequisites: Students are required to have completed both fields of Principles of Economics. This class relies on knowledge gained in those courses. Also, you should have experience in solving algebraic equations along with generating and interpreting graphs.


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<th>Grading:</th>
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<td>The course grade will be based on three equally weighted exams worth 100 points each (68% of your overall grade), two projects worth 40 points each (18% of your overall grade), eleven assignments worth 5 points each (13% of your overall grade), and 5 points for class attendance/participation (1% of your grade). This gives a total of 440 available points in the class.</td>
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Exams:  
Exams will be held on  
Exam 1:  Mon. Feb. 17th  
Exam 2:  Mon. March 30th  
Exams will be held during normal class hours.  

Final Exam:  
Wednesday May 6th from 1:30pm - 4:00pm.  
(There may be a chance to take your final on Monday. Ask me if you are interested)  

Make-up Policy:  No make-up exams will be provided, if you have an **excused absence**  
(with documentation) from an exam the weight on your final exam will be adjusted (worth 200 points).  

Group Projects:  Students will be allowed to form small groups to analyze economic situations. Each group will then be required to complete projects on two separate assigned topics. The exact assignments will be handed out and posted on the website.  

Attendance/Participation:  Participation in class will be rewarded with up to 5 points.  
If you attend class consistently and at least occasionally answer questions during class, you will be fine. These should be very easy points to earn, and I hope everyone will feel comfortable speaking in class.  

Assignments:  In-class work, quizzes, WSJ assessments, and homework will be assigned periodically. I will assign at least 13 of these of which only 11 will count toward your grade. This means that your 2 lowest grades will be dropped.  

Lateness and Courtesy:  Please arrive on time to class and please turn off all cell phones. Texting during class is discouraged since it often distracts other students. Do not start getting your bags together before the end of class!  

Topics:  This is a tentative schedule that can change  

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<td>Ricardian Model - Ch 3</td>
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<td>Economies of Scale Model: Ch 6</td>
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<td>Tariffs: Ch 8</td>
<td>Non-Tariff Barriers: Chapter 8</td>
<td>Restrictions &amp; Politics: Chs 8&amp;9</td>
<td>Politics and Trade: Ch. 9</td>
<td>Exchange Rates: Chs 13, 14, 17</td>
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General Student Policies:

Academic Integrity (4.1)
Academic integrity is a responsibility of all university faculty and students. Faculty members promote academic integrity in multiple ways including instruction on the components of academic honesty, as well as abiding by university policy on penalties for cheating and plagiarism.

Definition of Academic Dishonesty
Academic dishonesty includes both cheating and plagiarism. Cheating includes but is not limited to (1) using or attempting to use unauthorized materials to aid in achieving a better grade on a component of a class; (2) the falsification or invention of any information, including citations, on an assigned exercise; and/or (3) helping or attempting to help another in an act of cheating or plagiarism. Plagiarism is presenting the words or ideas of another person as if they were your own. Examples of plagiarism are (1) submitting an assignment as if it were one's own work when, in fact, it is at least partly the work of another; (2) submitting a work that has been purchased or otherwise obtained from an Internet source or another source; and (3) incorporating the words or ideas of an author into one's paper without giving the author due credit.

Please read the complete policy at http://www.sfasu.edu/policies/academic_integrity.asp

Withheld Grades--Grades Policy (5.5)
Ordinarily, at the discretion of the instructor of record and with the approval of the academic chair/director, a grade of WH will be assigned only if the student cannot complete the course work because of unavoidable circumstances. Students must complete the work within one calendar year from the end of the semester in which they receive a WH, or the grade automatically becomes an F. If students register for the same course in future terms the WH will automatically become an F and will be counted as a repeated course for the purpose of computing the grade point average.

Students with Disabilities
To obtain disability related accommodations, alternate formats and/or auxiliary aids, students with disabilities must contact the Office of Disability Services (ODS), Human Services Building, and Room 325, 468-3004 / 468-1004 (TDD) as early as possible in the semester. Once verified, ODS will notify the course instructor and outline the accommodation and/or auxiliary aids to be provided. Failure to request services in a timely manner may delay your accommodations. For additional information, go to http://www.sfasu.edu/disabilityservices/.

Acceptable Student Behavior
Classroom behavior should not interfere with the instructor’s ability to conduct the class or the ability of other students to learn from the instructional program (see the full Student Conduct Code at http://www.sfasu.edu/policies/student-conduct-code.pdf.) Unacceptable or disruptive behavior will not be tolerated. Students who disrupt the learning environment may be asked to leave class and may be subject to judicial, academic, or other penalties. This prohibition applies to all instructional forums, including electronic, classroom, labs, discussion groups, field trips, etc. The instructor shall have full discretion over what behavior is appropriate/ inappropriate in the classroom. Students who do not attend class regularly or who perform poorly on class projects/exams may be referred to the iCare Early Alert Program. This program provides students with recommendations for resources or other assistance that is available to help SFA students succeed.