

Economics 3403
International Economics and Policy
Office Hour: 12:25 – 1:40; and by appointment.

Course Description:

In this course, we will study the theories, policies, and institutions of international trade and financial flows. The economic, political, and social forces underlying many of the issues involved in international trade and finance 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 be able to remain informed about issues related to international economics and, even more importantly, to have the ability to think about complex issues in a logical objective manner. Thinking critically is what allows us to differentiate between the illogical and the sensible, between the misleading use of statistics, 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 for exams in class. The text is helpful in understanding many of the topics we 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!**

Prerequisites:

Students must have completed ECON 2010 and ECON 2020, or have completed ECON 1000. This is not sufficient to take these courses concurrently. I assume that you did not only take the class(es),

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

Emails:

Because of the large class size, having to read the syllabus, and the weight of your final will be increased.

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

Clicker Points:

We will use “clickers” during lectures to answer questions as we cover the material. Much more information on clickers can be found [here](#).

Grading:

Clicker Points	8%
Problem Sets (2% each)	8%
In-class Exams (16% each)	64%
Final Exam	20%

Grading Disputes:

If you have a grading dispute, see your TA. If you cannot resolve the dispute with your TA, then your TA will contact me. Do NOT email me about a grading dispute.

If you have a dispute on a test, then you must put your issue in writing and submit it to your TA. Subsequently, your entire exam will be regraded. Do NOT email me about a grading dispute –

Code of Behavior

Students and faculty each have responsibility for maintaining an appropriate learning environment. Students who fail to adhere to behavioral standards may be subject to discipline. Faculty have the professional responsibility to treat students with understanding, dignity and respect, to guide classroom discussion and to set reasonable limits on the manner in which students express opinions. See policies at <http://www.colorado.edu/policies/classbehavior.html> and at http://www.colorado.edu/studentaffairs/judicialaffairs/code.html#student_code

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