

**Portland State University
Department of Economics
International Economics**

Course #: Econ 340-002 CRN: 81931
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Class Time: WEB Course Class Website: <https://d2l.pdx.edu/>
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Course Description

Economic relationships between nation states provide some of the most important and fascinating material for study in the entire field of economics. Why do nations engage in but also restrict international trade? Why are some Americans harmed and some benefited by international trade? What effects do trading blocs such as the European Union (EU) and the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) have on the world economy and residents of participating countries? Does it matter what the dollar is worth in terms of other currencies?

Required Course Materials (In addition to web content)

International Economics (16th Edition) by Thomas Pugel. An earlier edition may be substituted since all the required theories are covered in earlier editions.

Course Requirements

Four homework sets20 x 4 = 80 points
Term Paper..... 40 points
Weekly online quizzes.....5 points x 8 = 40 points
Weekly online discussions.....5 points x 8 = 40 points
Total Points.....200 points

Attendance

You will almost certainly do better on this class if you log in regularly and interact with the material. This is NOT a self-paced course and quizzes, homework and discussion contributions cannot be made up after the week in which they are due.

Course Calendar (A quiz and a discussion are due each week)

Week 1 (Starts June 20th)

Introduction to International Economics (Ch. 1)
The Basic Theory of International Trade (Ch. 2)

Week 2 (Starts June 27th)

Comparative Advantage (Ch. 3)
Factor Proportions (Ch. 4)
Homework 1 Due Friday

Week 3 (Starts July 4th)

The Gainers and Losers from Trade (Ch. 5)

Alternative Theories of Trade (Ch. 6)

Week 4 (July 11th)

Tariffs (Ch. 8)

Non-Tariff Barriers to Trade (Ch. 9)

Homework 2 Due Friday

Week 5 (Starts July 18th)

Arguments for and Against Protectionism (Ch. 10)

Trade Blocs and Trade Blocks (Ch. 12)

Week 6 (Starts July 25th)

International Factor Movements (Ch. 15)

Homework 3 Due Friday

Week 7 (Starts August 1st)

The Balance of Payments (Ch. 16)

Week 8 (Starts August 8th)

The Foreign Exchange Market (Ch. 17)

Forward Exchange and International Financial Investment (Ch. 18)

Homework 4 Due Friday

Final Term Paper Due Friday

Policies

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Academic Honesty

Academic honesty is expected and required of students enrolled in this course. Suspected academic dishonesty in this course will be handled according to the procedures set out in the *Student Code of Conduct*. This will include referring students to the Dean if it appears that students are using the work of others to gain credit in this class.