

A strong math background will make this course easier. Math involves rigor and a way of thinking that facilitates economic thinking. In addition, graphs and simple mathematical descriptions of economic problems provide insights that would be difficult to convey with only words.

Readings:

We will be using Markusen and Maskus, *International Trade: Theory and Evidence*, Wiley Publishers, 2012. Note that this book is not in regular print. Professor Markusen has been kind enough to allow me to post a pdf version of the text, but please note that typos do exist and so being present for lectures is crucial as we will resolve any text errors you notice in lectures.

Policy on Cheating:

If you are suspected of cheating, I will immediately and without notification forward your case to the honor code office. This is actually the fairest way to proceed. In these instances, if I took it upon myself to make the decision of whether you violated the honor code, there could be bias involved. The honor code council has both students and faculty members, and they are trained to deal with these types of situations. I will accept the honor code decision s, and

Homework: You should read the relevant chapters in advance of class and come prepared with questions. You should also then review the notes you take in class and come prepared with questions on those notes for the following class.

Review Sets:

You will also be given review problems that are extremely valuable in preparing for exams. There are 2 sets (a and b) for each exam. The 'a' review sets focus on the concepts, and the 'b' sets focus on problem-solving. Both are essential.

Exams:

There will be three cumulative exams and a cumulative final. These will be given in class on the days listed. No exams will be dropped. To be fair to everybody, I will not answer ANY questions during exams (even about typos) – this puts everyone on equal footing during the exams. Tests will consist of short-answer questions and some longer problems. The exams will all be cumulative, and the material does build on itself, so it is important to understand all the concepts as we go. **Exams will be given in class on the days listed. If you miss an exam with a valid excuse (e.g., illness), then the weight of your final will be increased. Please do Not feel the need to try and reschedule an exam no matter the reason you miss one. We simply reweight the final in all circumstances. If you know in advance that you will miss an exam, sometimes we can arrange for you to take it a day or two early. Note that the exam dates below are not tentative exams will be given in class on the days listed. NO EXAMS WILL BE DROPPED!!**

Exam Schedule: *all exams will be taken in class!*

Exam 1: Friday, September 29th

Exam 2: Wednesday, November 1st

Exam 3: Friday, December 8th

Final Exam: Saturday, December 16 G[(1)] TETQq0.00000912 0 612 792 reW*ñBT/F1 11 Tf1 0 01

Incompletes, Extra Credit, etc.:

I adhere strictly to the University guidelines on Incompletes (“An I is given only when students, *beyond their control*, have been unable to complete course requirements. A substantial amount of work must have been *satisfactorily completed* before approval for such a grade is completed.”). Bad grades, unsatisfactory performance, too many credit hours, work conflicts, etc. are not reasons for an incomplete.

I am adamant about giving each student an equal opportunity to perform well in the course, so there will be no extra credit opportunities that are not offered to the entire class. You should focus your efforts on learning the material and doing well on the exams.

Grading Scale:

<u>Your score</u>	<u>Grade</u>
92% to 100%	A
90% to 91%	A-
88% to 89%	B+
82% to 87%	B
80% to 81%	B-
78% to 79%	C+
72% to 77%	C
70% to 71%	C-
68% to 69%	D+
62% to 67%	D
60% to 61%	D-
Below 59.5%	F

Tentative Course Schedule:

Therefore, we will skip some sections; these sections will be announced in class. Students are responsible for all announcements made in class. I will not be continually updating the website with announcements, etc.

TEXT PART I: TECHNICAL TOOLS AND THE GAINS FROM TRADE

In this part of the course, we develop and review basic tools of microeconomic theory that we will use throughout the course.

1. Supply and Production Possibilities

5. Differences in Technology between Countries.
MM, chapters 6 and 7 (Weeks 4-5 or maybe 6)

TEXT PART II: DETERMINANTS OF TRADE

This section analyzes the different underlying causes of international trade and the gains from trade.

1. Differences in Technology between Countries.
MM, chapters 6 and 7 (Weeks 4-5 or maybe 6)

2. Differences in Factor Endowments between Countries.
MM chapters 8 and 9 (Weeks 6-9?)

3. Distortions and Externalities as Determinants of Trade.
MM chapter 10

4. Imperfect Competition and Increasing Returns I: oligopoly
MM chapter 11

5. Imperfect Competition and Increasing Returns to Scale II: monopolistic competition
MM chapter 12 (we might skip this)

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Additional Notes:

