

Economics 4413  
International Trade  
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**Course Description:**

In this course, we will study the theories, policies, and institutions of international trade. We will study these aspects of international trade at a fairly abstract and rigorous level. Although the analysis will be largely graphical in nature, the course materials and lectures will employ some mathematics. Among the issues that will be addressed are: (1) the fundamental determinants of the patterns of trade and the gains from trade; (2) the implications of imperfect competition for trade patterns and welfare; (3) how firms of different sizes and productivities engage in trade; (4)



**More about email:**

**In-class Group Assignments and *Grading of All Group Content*:**

The material for this class can be very complex and doing problems in class (often in groups with peer-input) has proven to be more beneficial than traditional problem sets and review problems. We will do in-class problems almost every week.







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attendance within the first week of class and we will make arrangements.**

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