

San José State University
College of Social Science – Economics Department
ECON 136
International Economics
Section 80, Spring 2023

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Classroom:	Online via Canvas

Course Description:

International trade theory, customs union, tariffs, quota policies. International monetary system balance of payments problems, foreign exchange markets.

Course Format: Online

This course is conducted in an asynchronous online delivery format. In other words, we will NOT have any required meetings as a group. There is, however, a group project which will require you to coordinate with your fellow group members. All other assignments and exams will take place online through the Canvas interface. Exams will need to be taken during a specific 24-hour window online. Please note these times in the schedule below and plan accordingly. Reliable internet connectivity, and computer, laptop and/or smart device (e.g. tablet) are required for this course.

Course Web Page, E-mail and Other Communications

The syllabus, videos, resources, quizzes, exams, as well as any zoom links may be found on the Canvas course page; this will be your “one stop shop” for the course. Students are responsible for regularly checking Canvas, as well as their **SJSU** e-mail address. Also, in Canvas, you can set your notification preferences to daily; note that default setting is weekly notification. Please check Canvas “Announcements” for any updates as well as reminders. For help with using Canvas, see Canvas Student Resources page (http://www.sjsu.edu/ecampus/teaching-tools/canvas/student_resources).

Course Learning Outcomes (CLO)

Master macroeconomic theory related to three broad areas: Comparative Advantage, Macroeconomic Measures, Macroeconomic Models.

Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

1. List, describe (graphically and verbally) and critique several models of trade, and the evolution of their development within the economic discipline.
2. Enumerate and critically assess the arguments for and against trade barriers.
3. Articulate the connection between interest rates and exchange rates in global markets.
4. Appraise a country's trade policy and anticipate the consequences (both intended and unintended) of said policy.

Required Texts/Readings

Textbook

International Economics, 8th Edition, by James Gerber

Other Readings

Additional readings will be posted on Canvas.

Library Liaison:

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Course Requirements Course Requirements and Assignments

Success in this course is based on the expectation that students will spend, for each unit of credit, a minimum of 45 hours over the length of the course (normally three hours per unit per week) for instruction, preparation/studying, or course related activities, including but not limited to internships, labs, and clinical practica. Other course structures will have equivalent workload expectations as described in the syllabus.

Grading Information

Assignments will be weighted as follows:

Quizzes (13 of them): 104 points total or approximately 12% of grade
 Key Vocabulary and Concepts (13 of them): 260 points total or approximately 30% of grade
 Discussion Posts (13 of them): 260 points total or approximately 30% of grade
 Midterms (2 of them): 50 points each or approximately 6% of grade each
 Final Exam: 138 points or approximately 16% of grade

Available points total 862.

The grades you see in Canvas accurately reflect this weighting.
 Final course grades will be determined using the following chart:

<i>Grade</i>	<i>Points</i>	<i>Percentage</i>
<i>A plus</i>	<i>828 to 862</i>	<i>96 to 100%</i>
<i>A</i>	<i>802 to 827</i>	<i>93 to 95%</i>
<i>A minus</i>	<i>776 to 801</i>	<i>90 to 92%</i>
<i>B plus</i>	<i>741 to 775</i>	<i>86 to 89 %</i>
<i>B</i>	<i>715 to 740</i>	<i>83 to 85%</i>
<i>B minus</i>	<i>690 to 714</i>	<i>80 to 82%</i>

<i>Grade</i>	<i>Points</i>	<i>Percentage</i>
<i>C plus</i>	<i>655 to 689</i>	<i>76 to 79%</i>
<i>C</i>	<i>629 to 654</i>	<i>73 to 75%</i>
<i>C minus</i>	<i>603 to 628</i>	<i>70 to 72%</i>
<i>D plus</i>	<i>569 to 602</i>	<i>66 to 69%</i>
<i>D</i>	<i>543 to 568</i>	<i>63 to 65%</i>
<i>D minus</i>	<i>517 to 542</i>	<i>60 to 62%</i>

NO MAKE-UPS: Students often overcome tremendous obstacles to complete the assignments listed above on time. I am not in a position to weigh one person's obstacles relative to others. Therefore, there are no make-up assignments, quizzes or exams. You are responsible for managing your time and your schedule. In spite of solid planning, conflicts do occasionally arise, however. If you are concerned you may miss a deadline, please notify me IN ADVANCE of the deadline so that we may come up with a reasonable accommodation.

Late Submission Policy: Unless prior arrangements are made, late assignments will receive a grade of 0.

University Policies

Per [University Policy S16-9](http://www.sjsu.edu/senate/docs/S16-9.pdf) (<http://www.sjsu.edu/senate/docs/S16-9.pdf>), relevant university policy concerning all courses, such as student responsibilities, academic integrity, accommodations, dropping and adding, consent for recording of class, etc. and available student services (e.g. learning assistance, counseling, and other resources) are listed on [Syllabus Information web page](http://www.sjsu.edu/gup/syllabusinfo) (<http://www.sjsu.edu/gup/syllabusinfo>), which is hosted by the Office of Undergraduate Education. Make sure to visit this page to review and be aware of these university policies and resources.

ECON 136 – International Economics Course Schedule

**Dates indicate when you ideally should be working on particular modules, or indicate group zoom meetings. Please consult Canvas for assignment due dates.

Date	Module	Topics, Readings, Assignments, Deadlines	Meet on Zoom during scheduled class time?	Notes (Assignments are noted in Canvas)
Wednesday Jan 25	Mod. 1	Introductions – to each other and to International Economic Institutions		Chapter 2
Wednesday Feb 1	Mod. 2	Comparative Advantage/Gains from Trade		Chapter 3
Wednesday Feb 8	Mod. 3	Comparative Advantage/Factor Endowments		Chapter 4
Wednesday Feb 15	Mod. 4	Beyond Comparative Advantage		Chapter 5
Monday Feb 20		Last day to Add or Drop a class		
Friday Feb 24		Midterm – Available for a 24-hour period from 12:01am until 11:59pm		
Wednesday Mar 1	Mod. 5	Tariffs and Quotas		Chapter 6
Wednesday Mar 8	Mod .6	Commercial Policy		Chapter 7
Wednesday Mar 15	Mod. 7	Trade/Labor/Environment		Chapter 8
Wednesday Mar 22	Mod. 8	Trade and Balance of Payments		Chapter 9
Mar 26-31		Spring Break! Enjoy!		
Friday Apr 7		Midterm – Available for a 24-hour period from 12:01am until 11:59pm		
Wednesday Apr 12	Mod. 9	Exchange Rates		Chapter 10
Wednesday Apr 19	Mod. 10	Open Economy		Chapter 11
Wednesday Apr 26	Mod. 11	Int'l Financial Crises		Chapter 12
Wednesday May 3	Mod. 12	The US in the World Economy		Chapter 13
Wednesday May 10	Mod. 13	European Union		Chapter 14
Monday May 22		Final Exam Via Canvas – Available for a 24-hour period from 12:01am until 11:59pm		