

International Economics and Finance

Fall 2022

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Class Meeting: Online

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Or by appointment

Course Syllabus

Textbook: International Economics, 9th Edition (The Pearson Series in Economics) By Steven Husted and Michael Melvin

Additional Readings: Provided by the instructor.

1. Course Overview

This course is designed to provide a one-term overview of international economics. We will initially include the discussions of international trade theory and eventually move towards discussions in international finance. The course will cover the fundamental discussions of money and exchange, different international trade theories, economic growth and trade, various types of barriers to trade, balance of payments, international monetary systems and macroeconomics of open economies.

2. Teaching Method:

The instructor will lecture and lead class discussions. Students are expected to prepare for each class and to participate in class-wide discussions. There will be a variety of reading and writing assignments including reaction papers and/or problem sets, etc.

3. Course Grade

There will be a total of 3 exams in the semester:

2 Regular Exams.....25% each (25%+25%=50%)
1 Final Exam..... 30%
4 Problem Sets..... 5% each (5%+5%+5%+5%=20%)

2 Regular exams=	50%
Final Exam=	30%
4 Problem Sets=	<u>20%</u>
Total	100%

The grading scale follows:

A... 100%-90%
B... 89%-80%
C... 79%-70%
D... 69%-60%
F... 59% and below

- The exams and problem sets are open to the instructor, but they can be any combination of open questions, short essays, numeric problems, graphs, etc.
- There are NO extra credit opportunities.
- **No makeup exam/ problem set is allowed or offered or accepted, except for the University Excused Absences. If an exam date is in conflict with your schedule, please let me know ahead of time to place the test –BEFORE- the exam date.**

4. Official Communications

Official outside-of-class-meeting communications will be delivered to the students via their SRSU e-mail. Students are responsible to check their e-mail daily. Not having checked messages is not a valid excuse for missed course work. Communications can also be done by appointment. IT support regarding blackboard is listed in the image below.

Who should I contact?

<p>Online Support Desk</p> <p>☎ 888.837.6055</p> <p>✉ blackboardsupport@sulross.edu</p> <p>Available: 24/7</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Logging into Blackboard • Questions about Blackboard tools/software • Trouble with tests/quizzes/assignments • Error messages on Blackboard • Online course video problems 	<p>Lobo Technology Assistance Center (LTAC)</p> <p>☎ 888.837.2882</p> <p>✉ techassist@sulross.edu</p> <p>Available: Monday-Friday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Logging into your mySRSU/Banner/SRSU email • Campus computer, computer lab, or campus Wi-Fi issues • Security concerns with your SRSU or VPN account • Questions about Office 365 or OneDrive
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5. Policy on Academic Misconduct

(Please refer to https://d1mg6ms3faoonj.cloudfront.net/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/student_handbook_2019-2020_revision_12.7.2020.pdf)

Students should familiarize themselves with the SRSU Student Code of Conduct. Cheating, plagiarism, and/or other form of academic misconduct are **NOT TOLERATED** in class. Any student found guilty of such misconduct will be subject to disciplinary actions. Including, but not limited to, **Zero** score on his/her class activities.

6. Special Needs

Sul Ross State University is committed to equal access in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1973. It is the student's responsibility to initiate a request for accessibility services. Students seeking accessibility services must contact Mary Schwartz, M. Ed., L.P.C., in Counseling and Accessibility Services, Ferguson Hall, Room 112. The mailing address is P.O. Box C-122, Sul Ross State University, Alpine, Texas 79832. Telephone: 432-837-8691. E-mail:

mschwartz@sulross.edu

All medical information is treated confidentially

7. Course Outline and Tentative Schedule

(Please remember that **this schedule is tentative** and it can be subject to changes, if appropriate changes are necessary they will be announced in class).

Week	Saturday of that Week	Topic	Text Material
1	27-Aug	Quick Review of Micro and Macroeconomics/ An Introduction to International Trade	Ch. 1
2	3-Sep	Tools of Analysis for International Trade Models	Ch. 2
3	10-Sep	The Classical Model of International Trade	Ch. 3
4	17-Sep	Exam 1 Saturday September 17th (Micro/Macro review+ Ch. 1, 2,3)	
5	24-Sep	The Heckscher-Ohlin Model/ Problem Set 1 due on Saturday September 24th	Ch. 4
6	1-Oct	Tariffs	Ch. 6
7	8-Oct	Non-Tariff Barriers and Arguments for Protection	Ch. 7
8	15-Oct	Preferential Trade Arrangements / Problem Set 2 due on Saturday October 15th	Ch. 9
9	22-Oct	Exam 2 Saturday October 22nd (Ch. 4, 6,7, and 9)	
10	29-Oct	International Trade and Economic Growth	Ch. 10
11	5-Nov	The Balance of Payments	Ch. 11
12	12-Nov	International Monetary Systems/ Problem Set 3 due Saturday November 12th	Ch. 13
13	19-Nov	Exchange Rates in the Short Run	Ch. 14
14	26-Nov	***Thanksgiving Week***	
15	3-Dec	Exchange Rates in the Long Run/ Problem Set 4 due on Saturday December 3	Ch. 15
16	10-Dec	Final Exam due Saturday December 10th (Ch. 10,11,13,14, and 15)	

-Last day to withdraw with a "W" is November 14th

Final Disclaimer: I reserve the right to modify this syllabus with a one week notice if I view doing so to be in the best interest of the educational process. The class will be notified of changes as soon as practical. Nothing in this syllabus is meant to conflict with the rules and regulations of SRSU, the college of business.