

Department of Agriculture & Industry

IT 5304 | International Logistics Management | Spring 2025

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Class Time and Location: ONLINE

Required Textbook:

Transportation: A Global Supply Chain Perspective 10th edition. Author(s): Rober A. Novack, Brian Gibson, Yoshinori Suzuki

Publisher: Cengage ISBN: 9780357908600

Reference:

There will also be additional reading material assigned in the form of handouts that contain industry related information. Students will be responsible for that information on tests and quizzes.

Course Description

International Logistics is designed to provide students with a comprehensive understanding of the management and coordination of goods, services, and information across international borders. This course explores the global supply chain and logistics network, including transportation, warehousing, inventory management, and customs regulations, with a focus on how businesses navigate the complexities of cross-border logistics. By examining case studies, trends, and best practices, students will gain the necessary skills to manage and optimize global logistics operations.

Course Objectives

Upon completion of this course, students will be able to

- 1. **Understand International Trade and Logistics:** Analyze the fundamentals of international logistics, including the global supply chain and trade regulations.
- 2. **Assess Global Supply Chain Operations:** Evaluate the impact of logistics decisions on global supply chain performance, focusing on transportation modes, warehousing, and inventory management.
- 3. **Manage International Transportation:** Identify the key transportation modes (air, sea, land) and their respective roles in international logistics
- 4. Navigate Legal and Regulatory Frameworks: Understand international trade laws, customs procedures, tariffs, and regulatory requirements.
- 5. **Optimize Cross-border Logistics:** Develop strategies for managing risk, cost, and efficiency in international logistics operations

SRSU Accessibility Services Statement

Sul Ross State University (SRSU) is committed to equal access in compliance with Americans with Disabilities Act of 1973. It is SRSU policy to provide reasonable accommodations to students with documented disabilities. It is the student's responsibility to initiate a request each semester for each class. Alpine students seeking accessibility/accommodations services can contact Mary Schwartze Grisham, M.Ed., LPC, SRSU's Accessibility Services Coordinator or Ronnie Harris, LPC at 432-837-8203 (please leave a message and we'll get back to you as soon as we can during working hours), or email counseling@sulross.edu. Our office is located on the first floor of Ferguson Hall (Suite 112), and our mailing address is P.O. Box C-122, Sul Ross State University, Alpine. Texas, 79832 Rio Grande College (Del Rio, Uvalde, and Eagle Pass) students can contact Alejandra Valdez email at asv18en@sulross.edu or by calling (830) 758-5006

Attendance – Student Expectations

Attendance (regular participation in the online classroom) is essential for maintaining the best learning environment. Learning occurs in relationship not only between student and course materials, but, just as importantly, peer to peer, professor to student, and student to professor.

Participation in this course via the Internet is the responsibility of the student. Students receiving benefits from government agencies must adhere to policies stipulated by the specific agency.

NOTE: This Internet class demands that the student be self-motivated and self-disciplined. You are responsible to keep up with the schedule, assignments, and exams. I will be contacting you throughout the semester by email, and Blackboard is available at all times.

What You Should Understand About Internet Classes

- 1. Be realistic about the amount of time required to do the coursework.
- 2. On-line is NOT easier!
- 3. Schedule class time just as if you were attending class on-campus
- 4. Turn in your work **ON TIME**
- 5. Participate actively in the class
- 6. <u>Use e-mail and the discussion boards to communicate often with your instructor & classmates</u>
- 7. Log onto the class at least 5 times a week
- 8. Do NOT fall behind in your assignments
- 9. ASK for help when you need help

Distance Education Non-Participation Statement

Policies in effect for on-campus, traditional classroom instruction courses also apply to students enrolled in distance education courses, including Web-based and ITV courses. The University allows a maximum of 20% absences in a course before an instructor may drop a student for excessive absences. In Web courses, this policy is interpreted as not participating for more than 3 weeks in a long semester, 1 week in a summer session, or 3 days in the midwinter session.

Any student dropped for non-participation will receive an "F" in the course dropped. Inactivity may include the following:

- not logging on to the course not submitting assignments
- not participating in scheduled activities
- not communicating with the instructor by phone or email, and/or
- not following the instructor's participation guidelines stated in the syllabus

Any student who has not logged on to this course or submitted assignments by March 23, 2025 will be considered to have exceeded the University's policy on "excessive absences" and may be automatically dropped from the course. Blackboard statistics track the logins made and document the sections of the course accessed. These statistics will be used by your professor as a factor in documenting your participation in the course.

Your professor will use Blackboard statistics to document logins to the course and assignments accessed.

Class Structure

The course is 100% (Totally) online. Strategies include: Reading resources (papers); lectures with assignment instructions and use of the discussion board through Blackboard; written assessments at midterm and final; use of the Internet; and e-mails among students and between individual students and the professor. *Students are responsible for completing all assigned work*.

Discussion Participation

Discussion topics are set up for each module; you are expected to contribute to each discussion by posting a comment and replying to at least 2 other posts. Five points can be earned for each discussion following the guidelines below. Spelling and grammar count.

Time Commitment

You will be expected to log on to the course site 5-6 times per week. You are also expected to participate in all assigned activities including discussions in the course. Students should be prepared to spend at least 4-6 hours per week outside of class on assignments that will include: Homework, Reading Assignments, Lab work and studying for tests and quizzes.

Assignments

All assignments are to be submitted via Blackboard. No late work will be accepted without proper documentation or prior approval by the instructor.

Course Communication: The official e-mail communications channel for this course is the Sul Ross State University e-mail account (yourname@sulross.edu) of each student and professor. For the purposes of this course, no other e-mail account is acceptable.

Due dates: All assignments and projects will be given due dates which must be met. All assignments will be due by 11:59 pm on the assigned day. Assignments and projects will not be accepted if they are turned in late without approval. **Late assignments will lose ten points per calendar day**. Students are responsible for meeting the deadlines even if classes are missed.

Grading: All work will be graded on specific criteria using the following guidelines. Any worksheets will be graded on a points-per-answer basis. Any sketches and drawings assigned will be graded on a 100point (percentage) scale. Criteria for grading will include accuracy of content, appropriateness of content for assignment, presentation, and clarity. Projects in the lab will be graded on accuracy, neatness, content, adherence to standards, adherence to assignment, and workmanship. Graded items will be broken into specific categories and presented on grade sheets given at the time the assignments are given.

Grading Policy

Final grades will be determined by totals in these areas:

- 25% Test
- 30% Final Exam (comprehensive)
- 25% assignments: homework
- 20% discussion participation

In the event one of the above categories is not completed during the course that percentage will automatically be divided between the other categories at the same level. All assignment points will be converted to percentages for individual assignment letter grades.

A=100-90; B=89-80; C=79-70; D=69-60; F=59-0

Grades will be earned on the basis that "C" is average work, "B" is above average work, and "A" is well above average work. Barring unusual circumstances, there will be *NO INCOMPLETES* given at the end of this semester.

Academic Honesty

All students are expected to complete their own work at all times. Any dishonest conduct will be promptly rewarded with an immediate "F".

Plagiarism

A student guilty of plagiarism and/or cheating will receive a grade of "F" in the course involved and the grade will be so recorded on the transcript. Students giving and receiving assistance in any unauthorized manner during an examination will subject themselves to this cheating policy. A pattern of cheating will result in suspension.

Sully Shelf Course Material Information

All the required course materials for your classes are being delivered through Sully Shelf, the campus-wide course materials program. Your student account will be charged automatically, and you will not need to make a separate purchase.

• For this course we will be using a digital **eBook accessed through BryteWave, powered by RedShelf.** You will receive an email directly from BryteWave <u>donotreply@redshelf.com</u>, with a link to access your account. Please follow directions in the email to access your virtual bookshelf. The first time you access the eBook you will see a screen prompting you to "View Course Materials".

If you wish to opt-out of this program, please follow the steps below by **September 11:**

- 1) Go to https://ACCESSPortal.follett.com:443/2367
- 2) Create an account using your student email account
- 3) Select Opt-Out to opt-out of the entire program. You will have an opportunity to opt back in if you choose to do so.
- 4) You can also Opt-Out from the student-specific link provided in the email from noreply@follett.com.

Important: If you Opt-Out, you will no longer have access to your digital materials and will need to purchase materials on your own. If you have physical (print) materials that you have already picked up from the campus store, please return the physical material(s) before opting-out.

If you have any questions about Sully Shelf or the charge to your student account, please contact the campus store by phone at (432) 837-8194 or via email at sullyshelf@follett.com.

Quizzes

You will not be given advance notice of quizzes. They will be primarily written in nature. There will be no make-up quizzes.

Tests/Exams

All exams will be given on the announced date.

Everything discussed and everything in the assigned reading, including laboratory material, is fair game for tests and quizzes. It is your responsibility to be in attendance the day of scheduled exams. Tests will be either administered through Blackboard or written in nature using various styles of questions covering terminology, equipment, processes, and other items discussed. Attendance for the tests is mandatory; no makeup tests will be given.

Midterm Exam

There will be no midterm exam given.

Final Exam

The final exam will be during the week of May 7, 2025. The specific date and time will be announced during the semester. The exam will include written, practical, and analytical portions, and will be comprehensive of the entire semester. Do not make any other plans for that day and time.