

Syllabus GBAA4355
International Business
Fall 2025 – Briscoe Administrative Room 305
Tuesday-Thursday 12:30 to 1:45 P.M.

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Classroom Location:	Briscoe Administrative Room 305
Required Texts:	1. “ <i>Global Business Today</i> ” by Charles W. L. Hill. 12th edition McGraw-Hill, ISBN: 978-1266103148

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Course Requirements and Grading

Requirement	Points Possible	Grading Scale
Weekly Attendance (10 Points per class, 20 Points per week)	300 Points	A = 900 to 1000 points
Assignment 1 Written	100 Points	B = 800 to 899 points
Assignment 2 Presentation	100 Points	C = 700 to 799 points
Midterm Essay Exam	200 Points	D = 600 to 699 points
Assignment 3 Written	100 Points	F = less than 599 points
Final Essay Exam	200 Points	
Possible Points	1000 points	

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Academic Integrity: Students in this class are expected to demonstrate scholarly behavior and academic honesty in the use of intellectual property. A scholar is expected to be punctual, prepared, and focused; meaningful and pertinent participation is appreciated. Examples of academic dishonesty include but are not limited to: Turning in work as original that was used in whole or part for another course and/or professor; turning in another person's work as one's own; copying from professional works or internet sites without citation; collaborating on a course assignment, examination, or quiz when collaboration is forbidden.

Classroom Climate of Respect: Importantly, this class will foster free expression, critical investigation, and the open discussion of ideas. This means that all of us must help create and sustain an atmosphere of tolerance, civility, and respect for the viewpoints of others. Similarly, we must all learn how to probe, oppose and disagree without resorting to tactics of intimidation, harassment, or personal attack. No one is entitled to harass, belittle, or discriminate against another on the basis of race, religion, ethnicity, age, gender, national origin, or sexual preference. Still we will not be silenced by the difficulty of fruitfully discussing politically sensitive issues.

Course Learning Objectives:

1. Develop an understanding of the patterns of global trade.
Assessment: Written assignments, exams and class discussion.
2. Describe the emergence of today's global economy.
Assessment: Written assignments, exams and class discussion.
3. Describe how managers lead the multinational corporations that are a major element of the global economy.
Assessment: Written assignments, exams and class discussion.
4. Recognize the importance of international business in the American economy.
Assessment: Written assignments, exams and class discussion

Student Learning Outcomes for the BBA Degree:

1. The students will analyze and solve business problems across major business functions, using fundamental business principles and strategies.
2. The students will communicate business information through written, oral, and other delivery processes.
3. The students will identify and understand the impact of ethical and social responsibility issues in business.

Marketable Skills for the BBA Degree:

Marketable Skill 1: Students will have the ability to apply the principles of business they learn to the management of existing businesses or the creation of new businesses.

Marketable Skill 2: Students will have the ability to use research and analysis to make informed decisions.

Marketable Skill 3: Students will have the ability to write business letters, emails, resumes and reports.

Marketable Skill 4: Students will have the ability to make effective oral presentations to both professional and general audiences.

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Schedule for GBAA4355 – Fall 2025

Date	Topic	Readings
Week 1	History of Global Trade	No Readings
Week 2	Globalization, Differences Political, Economic and Legal	Textbook: Chapters 1 & 2
Week 3	Differences in Economic Development	Textbook: Chapter 3
Week 4	Differences in Culture, Ethics, Social Responsibility and Sustainability Assignment 1 Presentation due Thursday Sept. 18, 2025 in Class	Textbook: Chapters 4 & 5
Week 5	International Trade Theory, Regional Economic Integration	Textbook: Chapters 6 & 9
Week 6	Government Policy and Direct Investment Assignment 2 Presentation due Thursday Oct. 2, 2025 in Class	Textbook: Chapters 7 & 8
Week 7	Foreign Exchange and the International Monetary System	Textbook: Chapters 10 & 11
Week 8	Midterm Essay Exam Thursday Oct. 16, 2025 in Class	
Week 9	The Strategy of International Business	Textbook: Chapter 12
Week 10	Entering Developed and Emerging Markets	Textbook: Chapter 13
Week 11	Importing, Exporting and Counter Trade Assignment 3 Presentation due Thursday Nov. 6, 2025 in Class	Textbook: Chapter 14
Week 12	Global Production and Supply Chain Management	Textbook: Chapter 15
Week 13	Global Marketing	Textbook: Chapter 16
Week 14	Global Human Resource Management No Class Thursday for Thanksgiving	Textbook: Chapter 17
Week 15	The Future of International Business	None
Week 116	Final Essay Exam Tuesday Dec. 9, 2025 in Class	