Course Overview: The purpose of this course is to provide students with an overview of international trade theory and open-economy macroeconomics, with a particular reference to policy.

Required Texts:
• *International Economics: Theory and Policy* (9th edition) by Paul Krugman, Maurice Obstfeld, and Marc Melitz
• *Pop Internationalism* by Paul Krugman
• *Free Trade Under Fire* by Douglas Irwin

Course Outline:

• An Introduction to International Trade (Ch. 1; Krugman, Ch. 8)
• International Trade Theory
  o An Overview of World Trade (Ch. 2)
  o The Ricardian Model (Ch. 3; Krugman, Ch. 1)
  o Specific Factors and Income Distribution (Ch. 4)
  o Heckscher-Ohlin Model (Ch. 5)
  o Standard Trade Model (Ch. 6)
• International Trade Policy
  o Basics of Trade Policy (Ch. 9)
  o Political Economy of Trade Policy (Ch. 10; Krugman, Ch. 4; Irwin, Ch. 2-3)
  o Controversies in Trade Policy (Ch. 12; Irwin, Ch. 4-5)
• Exchange Rates and Open-Economy Macroeconomics
  o National Income Accounting and the Balance of Trade (Ch. 13)
  o Exchange Rates, Money, Interest Rates, and the Price Level (Ch. 14 – 16)
  o Exchange Rates in the Short-run (Ch. 17)
  o Fixed Exchange Rates (Ch. 18)
• International Monetary Systems
  o Historical Overview (Ch. 19)
  o Optimum Currency Areas (Ch. 20)

Grading

Grading for this course will be based upon a series of essays, which will consist of 1-2 page reflections on the topic of international trade and trade policy, and three exams. The first two exams will each be worth 25% of your final grade. The final exam, which is
comprehensive, is worth 30%. Finally, the essays are worth 20% of the final grade. There will be NO MAKE-UP EXAMS. If you miss an exam, you need to provide some type of documentation that excuses you from the exam. With the proper documentation, the score on the subsequent exam will count as double. If you miss two consecutive exams, you will receive an ‘F’. If the absence is known about in advance, I will make arrangements with the student to take the exam at an alternate time. (For more see the section on attendance below.)

The exam dates will be scheduled based on the speed with which the material is covered and will be announced no less than two weeks prior to the scheduled date. The first exam will cover international trade theory, the second will cover policy and open-economy macroeconomic, and the final exam will be comprehensive.

Attendance

Attendance is the responsibility of each student. It is in your best interest to attend each class. Written documentation for missing class is required only if a student misses an exam or the date in which an assignment is due. Students are excused from class only for a documented illness (i.e. one that requires a doctor’s note), funeral services, military service, religious observances, and university-sponsored activities.

In addition, I like to encourage dialogue and discussion during class. If you are having trouble understanding the material, do not wait until the day before the exam to start asking questions or seek clarification. I am always willing to help. PLEASE NOTE that although attendance will regularly be taken, any missed assignment or exam is subject to the missed class policy and requires written documentation for excusal.

Accessibility

The University of Mississippi has an office of Student Disability Services (SDS) to assist students with disabilities. Should you require these services, I will be happy to accommodate you. Please contact SDS as soon as possible if you require these services, as they are not retroactive.

Rules and Guidelines

Academic misconduct will not be tolerated. Should I deem that a student’s actions constitute academic dishonesty I will punish them to the fullest extent of university policy given the particular offense.

Students should not plan on using any electronic equipment during class. This includes iPods, iPads, iPhones, laptops, CD players, cell phones, or any other gadget that is not essential for your learning experience.

By taking this class, each student agrees to the terms of this syllabus and recognizes my right to modify the syllabus, if necessary, at any time.