Lecture Days and Times: TuTh 11:00 to 12:15 p.m.
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COURSE DESCRIPTION: The theory of international trade. Alternative models for explaining
the pattern and terms of trade. An examination of the gains from trade and commercial policy.
Included are issues of protectionism, economic integration and strategic trade policy.

PREREQUISITE: Economics 101.

TEXTBOOK AND STUDY QUESTIONS: I will be providing my own study questions and
separate lecture notes. Some textbooks that are optional but that you might find of interest are
International Economics (10e) by Salvatore or Feenstra/Taylor International Economics. The
study questions will not be collected or graded, but you should find them very useful in
preparing for exams. Lecture notes, study questions, and review material (upper lefthand corner
of course website) have been posted on the course website at
https://moodle2.sscnet.ucla.edu/course/view/15F-ECON121-1

EXAMS: There will be two midterm exams and a final exam. The approximate weighting of the
exams is as follows:
First Exam (October 22, Thursday) - 25%.
Second Exam (November 19, Thursday) - 25%.
Final Exam (Monday, December 7, 2015, 11:30am-2:30pm) - 50%.

ALL exams must be taken at the scheduled time.

POLICY ON MISSED EXAMS: Exams must be taken at their scheduled time. Please note that
under no circumstances will a makeup exam be administered if a student misses a midterm. If a
student has a legitimate emergency (by “emergency” I mean serious and unanticipated) and can
provide acceptable documentation of such of an emergency, then additional weight will be
placed on the final exam. Any such documentation, such as a doctor’s note, should clearly state
that the student was incapacitated and was therefore unable to take the exam or faced a serious
impediment that prevented attendance at the exam. A student who misses an exam without a
valid, verifiable excuse will receive a zero. If due to a verifiable emergency, a student misses the
final exam, then that student will be required to take a makeup final exam administered by the
department at the officially announced day and time. If a student misses all exams this student
will receive an automatic grade of “F”.
**EXAM RULES:** Please note that calculators are NOT allowed for the exams. You will NOT be allowed to have cell phones or any other electronic devices on your desk during the exam. Once the exam begins, you will not be allowed to leave the room until you hand in your exam, so please plan accordingly. All backpacks should be zipped closed and all books put away. Failure to do so will delay the distribution of the exams for the entire class. When I call for the exams, all writing must stop. All that students should have on their desks is a pen/pencil(s) and their photo ID card (which functions as a straightedge for drawing graphs).

**DISABLED STUDENTS and the OFFICE of STUDENT DISABILITIES (OSD):** Any student with a pre-existing illness or condition who requests special arrangements must (a) qualify under OSD rules for such special arrangements and (b) must take the exam with OSD. Any such arrangements with OSD must be made the first week of classes. The instructor must be informed of any such arrangement in the first week of classes. For additional information and the qualification conditions of the Office of Student Disabilities (OSD), please visit their website at [http://www.osd.ucla.edu/Index.htm](http://www.osd.ucla.edu/index.htm). All other students must take the exam at the scheduled time under the same time constraints. It is the responsibility of all students who request special arrangements with OSD to be familiar with all of their rules as well as the rules of this class.

**ACADEMIC DISHONESTY**
Any cases of cheating will be reported to the Office of the Dean of Students. For more details please refer to the Office of the Dean of Students website at [http://www.studentgroups.ucla.edu/dos/](http://www.studentgroups.ucla.edu/dos/)

**ORDER OF TOPICS**

- Comparative Advantage, Ricardian trade model, Empirical Tests of the Ricardian Model
- Specific-Factors Model, Magnification Effect, Rybczynski Theorem, Absolute Factor Price Equalization, applications (migration/inflow of inputs)
- Partial Equilibrium Analysis: Gains from Trade, Trade Barriers: Tariffs and Quotas in small and large country cases and competitive/monopoly cases, Export subsidies
- Partial Equilibrium Analysis: Free-trade areas, Dumping and international price discrimination,
- (time permitting): International trade and long-run economic growth issues