

INTERNATIONAL ECONOMICS
ECONOMICS 2167A-650
Department of Economics
Western University

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General Information:

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Office hours: Thursday 2:30PM – 4:30PM Eastern Time
• *Office hours will be held online and **must** be arranged in advance via email*
Delivery mode: Online asynchronous
Course website: <https://owl.uwo.ca/portal>
Undergraduate inquiries: 519-661-3507 or SSC Room 4075 or econugrd@uwo.ca

Registration:

You are responsible for ensuring you are registered in the correct courses. If you are not registered in this course, the Department will not release any of your marks until your registration is corrected. You may check your timetable by using the Login on the Student Services website at <https://student.uwo.ca>. If you notice a problem, please contact your home Faculty Academic Counsellor immediately.

Prerequisite Note:

Prerequisites: Economics 1021A/B and Economics 1022A/B, or Economics 2001A/B.
Antirequisites: Economics 2163A/B, Economics 2164A/B, Economics 3352A/B, Economics 3353A/B.

You are responsible for ensuring that you have not taken any anti-requisite courses. If you are found to be ineligible for a course, you may be removed from it at any time and you will receive no adjustment to your fees. This decision cannot be appealed.

If you find that you have taken the anti-requisite course, it is in your best interest to drop the course well before the end of the add/drop period. Your prompt attention to this matter will not only help protect your academic record, but will ensure that spaces become available for students who require the course in question for graduation.

Course Objectives:

This course consists of two parts: 1) international trade and 2) international finance. In the first part we will study the main determinants of the global flows of goods and services, through international trade, of people through migration, and of capital through foreign direct investment. In order to do so, a survey of the different models of trade and factor mobility will

be discussed. We will analyze the main predictions of the models, as well as the different policies implemented by the countries. The second part of the course will be related to international finance. We will cover topics such as exchange rate determination and macroeconomic policy under different exchange rate regimes.

Course Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this course, students will learn to:

- Analyze the determinants of comparative advantage and international trade in common theories of international trade
- Asses the main predictions of the different international trade theories and compare them to data
- Evaluate the effects of tariffs, impediments to trade and policies through the lens of the different models covered in class
- Use models of foreign exchange determination to explain currency fluctuations
- Examine the evolution and implications of current exchange rate regimes

Textbook and Course Materials:

Feenstra Robert C. and Taylor, Alan M. (2014). *Essentials of International Economics* (third edition) New York, NY. Worth Publishers.

Technical Requirements:

- Laptop or computer
- Stable internet connection
- Microphone required for students who would like to attend online office hours
- Webcam required for students who require a make-up for the Final Exam

For technical support, see the OWL Help page or contact Western Technology Services Helpdesk (<https://wts.uwo.ca/about-wts/contact.html>). Google Chrome or Mozilla Firefox are the preferred browsers for OWL; update your browser frequently.

Grading:

The course will be based on problem sets, a midterm, and an exam. The material for all assessments consists of the topics covered in the text (see below), any assigned readings and the material covered in the lectures. Some of the topics covered in the lectures, including problems done in class, may not appear in the text. Students are reminder that they are responsible for this material.

The distribution of the marks is as follows:

- 4 problem sets (4 x 5% = 20%)
- 1 midterm (1 x 30% = 30%)
- 1 exam (1 x 50% = 50%)

Schedule:

A **tentative** schedule of the course is listed below. Always be sure to check OWL for any changes. With time permitted, we may cover Chapter 13 of the main course text.

Class	Week	Chapter Covered	Due
1	09/06	2	
2	09/13	3	
3	09/20	4	PS1
4	09/27	5	
5	10/04	6	
6	10/11	7	PS2
7	10/18	8	
8	10/25	9	Midterm
Fall Break			
9	11/08	10	
10	11/15	10	PS3
11	11/22	11	
12	11/29	12	
13	12/06	13 or Review	PS4

The “Due” column refers to the assessment that is due the Monday of *that week*. For example, the first problem set will be due on September 20, 2021 at 8PM. The midterm will be scheduled for Monday, October 25. It is tentatively set to begin at 9AM and take 90 minutes, although, this may change. Be sure to check OWL regularly for updates.

Course Outline:

Part I: International Trade

- Chapter 2: The Ricardian Model
- Chapter 3: The Specific-Factors Model
- Chapter 4: The Heckscher-Ohlin Model
- Chapter 5: Migration of Labor and Capital Mobility
- Chapter 6: Imperfect Competition and Trade
- Chapter 7: Import and Tariff Quotas Under Perfect Competition
- Chapter 8: Import and Tariff Quotas Under Imperfect Competition
- Chapter 9: International Trade Agreements

Part II: International Finance

- Chapter 10: Exchange Rate Determination: The Monetary Approach I
- Chapter 11: Exchange Rate Determination: The Monetary Approach II
- Chapter 12: Exchange Rate Determination: The Asset Approach
- Chapter 13: Macroeconomic Policy and Exchange Rate Regimes (Coverage: TBA)

Communication:

- Students should check the course OWL site for newly posted course material at the start of each week (Monday, except in the case of a holiday)
- Students should check OWL announcements multiple times per week.
- Some important announcements will also be emailed to students' UWO email accounts. Students are expected to check their UWO email daily.
- For questions related or unrelated to course content, please contact the instructor via email from your UWO email account. Students will receive a response in 24 – 48 hours.

Policy Regarding Missed Assessments:

Late assessments and tests without illness self-reports or documented official accommodation will **not be accepted under any circumstances**. As a result, any late work will receive a mark of zero without exception. Self-reported illnesses must be reported **prior** to the assessment's deadline to be accepted. Otherwise, a mark of zero will be assigned without exception. Any missed assessments with approved absences will have their weight shifted to the final exam. Students with an approved absence from the final exam will be required to write a make-up, which may differ in length and format from the regularly scheduled exam.

How to do well in this course:

- Make it a daily habit to log onto OWL to ensure you have seen everything posted to help you succeed in this class.
- Follow weekly checklists created on OWL or create your own to help you stay on track.
- Treat this course as you would a face-to-face course. Take notes as you go through the lesson material. Keeping handwritten notes or notes in a regular Word document will help you learn more effectively than just reading or watching.
- Connect with others. Try forming an online study group and meet on a weekly basis for study and peer support.
- Do not be afraid to ask questions. If you have questions or are struggling with a topic, check the online discussion boards or contact your instructor(s) and or teaching assistant(s).

Professionalism, Privacy and Copyright:

- Students are expected to follow the [Student Code of Conduct](#).
- All lectures and course materials, including slides, presentations, outlines, and similar materials, are protected by **copyright**. Students may take notes and make copies of course materials for their own educational purposes only.
- Students may not record lectures, reproduce (or allow others to reproduce), post or distribute lecture notes, assessments, or any other course materials publicly and/or for commercial purposes without written consent of the instructor.
- Recordings (audio or video) are not permitted without explicit, written permission of the instructor. Permitted recordings may not be distributed or shared.
- Students are expected to follow online etiquette expectations provided on OWL

- Students will be expected to take an academic integrity pledge before some assessments
- Some sessions may be recorded by the instructor. Recorded sessions will remain within the course site or be unlisted if streamed

Please Note
Department & University Policies for Fall 2021

The University expects all students to take responsibility for their own Academic Programs. Students should also check their registration to ensure they are enrolled in the correct courses.

1. **Guidelines, policies, and your academic rights and responsibilities** are posted online in the current Western Academic Calendar at: <http://westerncalendar.uwo.ca>. Claiming that “you didn’t know what to do” is not an acceptable excuse for not following the stated policies and procedures.
2. Students must familiarize themselves with the “**Rules of Conduct for Examinations**” http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/exam/administration.pdf.
3. **Cheating as an academic offence:** Students are responsible for understanding what it means to “cheat.” The Department of Economics treats cheating incidents very seriously and will investigate any suspect behavior. Students found guilty will incur penalties that could include a failing grade or being barred from future registration in other Economics courses or programs. The University may impose further penalties such as suspension or expulsion.
4. **Plagiarism:** Students must write their essays and assignments in their own words. When taking an idea/passage from another author, it must be acknowledged with quotation marks where appropriate and referenced with footnotes or citations. Plagiarism is an academic offence (see Scholastic Discipline for Undergraduate Students in the Western Calendar at http://westerncalendar.uwo.ca/PolicyPages.cfm?Command=showCategory&PolicyCategoryID=1&SelectedCalendar=Live&ArchiveID=#Page_20).

Western University uses software to check for plagiarism and students may be required to electronically submit their work. Those found guilty will be penalized as noted in point 3.

5. It is a Department of Economics policy that **NO** assignments be dated, stamped or accepted by staff. Students must submit assignments to the instructor.
6. **Appeals:** University policies and procedures for appealing a mark can be found in the Student Academic Appeals section in the current Western Academic Calendar at: http://westerncalendar.uwo.ca/PolicyPages.cfm?Command=showCategory&PolicyCategoryID=1&SelectedCalendar=Live&ArchiveID=#Page_14. **Please note the relevant deadlines.**

Department of Economics procedures for appealing a mark can be found here: https://economics.uwo.ca/undergraduate/program_counselling/responsibilities_policies.html#appeals. The Department will not consider an appeal unless an attempt has been made to settle the matter with the instructor first. Students who remain dissatisfied with the outcome may proceed to submit an appeal to econugrd@uwo.ca. Please follow the instructions and use the appeal form shown in the above link.

7. **Systematic adjustments of a class grade distribution** (either up or down) can occur in Economics courses. The fact that grades have been adjusted is **not** grounds for an appeal.
8. Note the following **add and drop deadlines**:

Deadline to add a first term half course:
Deadline to drop a first term half course:

Thursday September 16, 2021
Friday November 12, 2021

Policy Regarding Makeup Tests and Final Examinations

Faculty of Social Science policy states that oversleeping or misreading an exam schedule is NOT grounds for a makeup. This rule applies to midterm and final exams in the Department of Economics.

Policies Regarding Academic Accommodation

- The Faculty of Social Science's policies on academic accommodation are found at http://counselling.ssc.uwo.ca/procedures/having_problems/index.html.
- **Accommodation for Students with Disabilities:** Students with disabilities or accessibility challenges should work with Accessible Education (formerly SSD, see http://academicsupport.uwo.ca/accessible_education/index.html), which provides recommendations for accommodation based on medical documentation or psychological and cognitive testing. The accommodation policy can be found here: [Academic Accommodation for Students with Disabilities](#).
- **Rewriting Exams and Retroactive Reweighting are NOT Permitted:** Students who proceed to write a test or examination must be prepared to accept the mark. Rewriting tests or examinations, or retroactive reweighting of marks, is **not** permitted. Self-Reported Absences cannot be used once a student has proceeded to start to write a test or exam.
- **Self-Reported Absences:** Students will have two opportunities during the fall and winter terms to receive academic consideration if they self-report a missed assessment using the online self-reported absence portal, provided the following conditions are met: the assessment is missed due to an absence of no more than 48 hours in duration, and the assessment for which consideration is being sought is worth 30% or less of the student's final grade. Students are expected to contact their instructors within 24 hours of the end of the period of the self-reported absence, unless noted otherwise on the syllabus. Students are not able to use the self-reporting option in the following circumstances:
 - for exams scheduled by the Office of the Registrar (e.g., final exams)
 - absence of a duration greater than 48 hours
 - assessments worth more than 30% of the student's final grade
 - if the student has opened or started the test or exam
 - if a student has already used the self-reporting portal twice during the fall/winter terms

If the conditions for a Self-Reported Absence are *not* met, students will need to provide a Student Medical Certificate (SMC) if the absence is medical or provide appropriate documentation if there are compassionate grounds for the absence in question. Students are encouraged to contact their Faculty academic counselling office for more information about the relevant documentation. It is strongly recommended that students notify the instructor as soon as possible, ideally before the assessment, when they become aware of an absence. University policy is that students must communicate with their instructors no later than 24 hours after the end of the period covered by the SMC or immediately upon their return from their documented absence. Failure to follow University policy and procedures may result in denial of academic accommodation and a grade of zero.

- **Documentation for Accommodation:** Individual instructors are not permitted to receive documentation directly from a student, whether in support of an application for consideration on medical grounds or for other reasons. **All required documentation for absences that are not covered by the Self-Reported Absence Policy must be submitted to the Academic Counselling office of a student's Home Faculty.**
- **Western University policy on Consideration for Student Absence** is available here: [Policy on Academic Consideration for Student Absences - Undergraduate Students in First Entry Programs.](#)
- **Student Medical Certificate (SMC):** This form is available here: http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/medicalform.pdf.
- **Religious Accommodation:** Students should consult the University's list of recognized religious holidays and should give reasonable notice in writing, prior to the holiday, to the Instructor and an Academic Counsellor if their course requirements will be affected by a religious observance. Additional information is given in the [Western Multicultural Calendar](#).

Policy Regarding Class Attendance and Engagement: If the instructor deems a student's attendance or engagement in the class to be unsatisfactory, that student may be prohibited from writing the final examination. Examples of unsatisfactory class engagement include frequent absences from an in-person or synchronous online class, lack of assignment submissions, and inadequate use of online course materials. Instructors who intend to make use of this policy will notify the student in advance.

Statement on Mental Health and Support Services: Students under emotional/mental distress should visit http://uwo.ca/health/mental_wellbeing/ for more information and a complete list of resources on how to obtain help.

Statement on Remote Proctoring: While Western intends to hold most classes, mid-terms and finals in-person, the London-Middlesex Health unity may require western to teach in a remote format. If this occurs, all assessments will be done remotely and may involve the use of remote proctoring software (i.e., Proctorio, ProctorTrack). Instructors will provide information on the details should the need arise.