University of Wyoming / College of Business / Department of Economics & Finance
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ECON4720-01: International Trade
MW 3:10-4:25PM in BU 010
Final Exam: Wednesday, December 16, 3:30PM in BU010.

Instructor
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General Information
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Link to the latest version of this document: http://www.uwyo.edu/askiba/trade/trade2014Ssyllabus.pdf
Course Description: In this course we will learn about reasons for trade and about welfare implications of trade. We will study theories, consider empirical evidence, and analyze international trade policy.
Course Objectives: Students will become familiar with modern theories of international trade and have a basic understanding of the current trends in international trade.
Course Prerequisites: ECON 3020 Intermediate Microeconomics. Students are expected to be comfortable with numbers, graphs and simple mathematical equations.
Required Online Supplement: Launch Pad

Grading Policy
Letter grade: the final letter grade you will receive will be based on the following scale:
A≥90%, 90%>B≥80%, 80%>C≥70%, 70%>D≥60%, 60%>F. There will be no rounding, i.e. 69.97% is a C.

Your grade will be determined based on the following components. The number in brackets represents the percentage of total grade allocated to each assignment:
Online homeworks (10%) Homeworks will be administered through the LaunchPad textbook companion online learning environment. The homeworks are due at the end of the day on the date listed in the schedule.
Research assignments, Webxercises, and academic article summaries (15%). Short research assignments, web based exercises (Webxercises) and summaries of academic articles will be assigned to prepare students for course discussion. Due dates for the assignments will be announced in class. All assignments are due before the class starts on the due date. Late submissions will not be accepted. Research assignments will be graded only if the student also participates in the corresponding class discussion.
Learning curve assignments (5%). The LearningCurve assignments will be administered through the LaunchPad textbook companion online learning environment. The homeworks are due right before the class at 3PM on the due date listed on the schedule.
Active reading assignments (5%). There will be a number of active reading assignments for every required text. For each assignment the students are required to read the textbook in advance of the class discussion. Due dates for the assignments will be announced in class. All assignments are due before the class starts on the due date. Late submissions will not be accepted. Presence for the class discussion is worth half the grade.
Midterm exams (3\times 15\% = 45\%). All exams are comprehensive. Three mid-term tests will be 75 minutes long, and take place in class on the dates listed in the course schedule. If you miss a test you will be assigned a grade of zero. All tests are cumulative

The final exam (20\%) is required for all students. Failure to take the final will result in letter grade F for the course.

Other Class Policies

Missed exams will be credited with grade of zero. There are no makeups for any of the exams. If a student has a university excuse for the absence the student will be given a chance to make up the grade on a subsequent comprehensive exam (usually the final). For example, if a student misses Midterm #2 and has a properly documented university excuse his/her grade will be replaced with the corresponding grade from the final. That is if the student gets 85\% on the final, the grade for midterm #2 will be 85\% of the possible points.

Late assignments will not be accepted in this course and will be assigned a grade of zero unless you have an excuse from the Office of Student Life or other source as deemed acceptable by the instructor. If a student has an excuse for being absent on the due day the student has to finish the assignment before the due day.

E-mail communication policy: all students are responsible for maintaining a valid e-mail address in WyoWeb. Instructor will reply to e-mails during regular working hours when there is no conflict with other research, teaching, or service commitments. Please identify yourself as an ECON4720 student in the subject of the e-mail to facilitate prompt communication.

Exceptions to this syllabus. Life happens and there are might be extraordinary circumstances when an exception to this syllabus may be granted by the instructor. It is crucial that these exceptions are documented in time. Otherwise they will not be honored.

“No email – did not happen” policy All exceptions to this syllabus have to be documented in a written or e-mail exchange between the instructor and the student prior to the date of the exception. This includes but not limited to arranging make-up work for assignments due to sickness, late submissions due to unavoidable circumstances, missing due dates because of other university or athletic commitments etc. Requests for exceptions to this syllabus after the due date and time will not be granted under any circumstances.

Attendance Policy: You are expected to attend ALL classes. Students who missed a class due to a university recognized excuse will not receive neither the extra credit nor will they lose any points from the total. If you miss a class meeting, you are expected to obtain notes and other material on your own. Students will be notified of class cancellations by class announcements and email if necessary. Missed tests will be given a grade of zero and only under extenuating circumstances requiring a reasonable excuse provided from the Office of Student Life or other source (as deemed acceptable by the instructor) will this policy be lifted.

Group Work Policy: Working in groups while solving homework problems and preparing for the tests is encouraged, but each student must submit his or her individual and distinct answer for homework assignments. Any academic dishonesty will minimally result in an “F” grade for that particular assignment and will be prosecuted to the fullest extent University Regulations allow. For more information, please refer to the academic dishonesty section below.

Classroom Decorum: UNIREG 29, Change 1, states that the student has obligations as well as rights in the classroom. Your obligations in this include the following:

- Arriving to class on time. If you continually interrupt the class with late arrival you will be asked to
withdraw from the course.

- Acting in a mature manner conducive to enhancing a learning atmosphere. You are expected to limit talking or other actions and devices (including eating in class or the use of mobile communications devices for email or communication, including cell-phones) that might disturb or otherwise distract others, including the professor.
- You are also expected to not interrupt other students in any way if they are asking questions or making comments to the instructor and class. Please take these obligations seriously.
- You are expected to come to class fully prepared, having completed all assigned readings and work assignments and willing to participate in classroom discussion.

In return for your honoring these commitments, as the instructor in this class, I pledge
- To treat each of you fairly and with respect, and answer any and all questions to the best of my ability.
- Make myself available to help you outside of class if needed, including outside of office hours if necessary.
- To arrive on-time and well-prepared for class. I will also notify you of any class cancellations with as much advance warning as possible.
- I will return your tests and assignments in a timely manner.

Academic Dishonesty: Also known as "cheating" and/or "plagiarism," academic dishonesty will not be tolerated in this program. Any case of academic dishonesty in this course will be prosecuted in accordance with UNIREG 802 Rev. 2. Academic dishonesty will result in a permanent "F" in any course as a minimum outcome, and will almost certainly result in additional sanctions as permitted under University Regulations. Academic dishonesty includes (but is not limited to) cheating on tests, copying the work of others in the class or from previous classes, plagiarism or other use of published or electronically available materials without complete citations, or fabrication of referenced material. Students allowing others to commit academic dishonesty are as guilty as those committing the act and will also be prosecuted as allowed under University Regulations. It is up to the student to be familiar and understand academic dishonesty regulations and to be responsible for any outcomes that occur if you commit such acts. The current University Regulations can be found at: http://uwadmnweb.uwyo.edu/legal/Uniregs/ur802.htm.

In-class exam rules:
- No use of programmable calculators or any other devices that can store anything other than numbers in its memory
- No use of notes or books, unless explicitly allowed by the instructor
- You may not look in the direction of your neighbor’s test (this is crucial to make our exams work in a large classroom environment)
- You have to follow instructor’s directions about seating arrangements. You might be asked to move during the test
- You have to refrain from any behavior that interferes with other’s ability to take the test.

Violation of any of the test rules will result in grade of 0% for the test and a possible academic dishonesty charge.

Cultural Context Social Sciences (CS)
This course fulfills the Cultural Context-Social Sciences (CS) requirement of the 2003 University Studies Program. Cultural Context-Social Sciences (CS) courses examine the diversity of human social experiences from a multi-disciplinary perspective in order to better understand the full complexity of socio-cultural systems. CS courses also provide students with an opportunity to develop skills in the social sciences, learn how to integrate information, and analyze social decision making processes.
Disclaimer:
The instructor reserves the right to make changes to any part of this syllabus. Should such instances arise; students will be notified in advance.