Course: Econ 470, The World Economy
Main Campus, Camarillo, CA
Room: Broome Library 2490
Time: Tuesday, 3:00 – 5:50 p.m.

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Office location and hours:
Sage Hall Rm. 2016
Hours: M 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.,
Tues 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Required Materials: International Economics, Theory and Policy, Author: Krugman, Obstfeld, Melitz,
Publisher: Prentice Hall, Edition: 9th.

Course Description:
Theory, practice, and institutions of the international economy. Topics include international trade and
investment, balance of payments, foreign exchange rates, international institutions in the global economy, and
international economic policy.

Program Learning Goals:
1. Critical Thinking
2. Oral Communication
3. Written Communication
4. Collaboration
5. Conduct (Ethics)
6. Competency in Discipline

Learning Objectives:
- Describe and distinguish between different models of international trade (Program learning goals 1, 3, 6)
- Evaluate the costs, and motivating factors, of barriers to trade (1, 3, 6)
- Evaluate the costs and benefits of alternative trade policies on national welfare (1, 2, 3, 5)
- Examine different foreign exchange rate mechanisms and study circumstances where countries
  experienced a currency crisis (1, 2, 5)
- Examine how macroeconomic policy is conducted for an open economy (1, 3, 6)
- Through in-class polling consider alternative international trade and finance policy situations (1, 2, 4)
Course Requirements:

The class meets once a week. Students are responsible for all lecture material, readings assigned in class, on-line material, and reading material listed in the syllabus unless otherwise specified by instructor. Quizzes will be administered through Blackboard.

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<td>On-line problem sets/Quizzes (Blackboard) (3 of 4)</td>
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Basic Grading Scale:

≥ 90%: A+, A, A-
≥ 80%: B+, B, B-
≥ 70%: C+, C, C-
≥ 60%: D+, D, D-
< 60%: F

(Class scores may also be adjusted to account for the difficulty of the exams.)

On-line problem sets/Quizzes (15% of course grade)

On-line problem sets will be available after the material has been presented in lecture. All problem sets will be entered and graded through Blackboard. The due dates for all the assignments will be listed on the class schedule. Each quiz can be taken up to three times with only the highest score entered.

Attendance/participation/evaluation (up to 5% extra credit)

In-class polls will be taken in each lecture. The polls will be administered through an online service called Poll Everywhere through texting on cell phones or laptops or tablet computers. The service is free to students but registration is required. More details in class.

Exams (20% each for the midterm exams and 25% for the final exam)

Exams will be closed book and cover textbook readings, lectures, and problems and any other material presented in class or posted on the class website. They will consist of some combination or multiple-choice, short-answer essay questions and quantitative analysis. The Midterm II exam will only cover material after Midterm I. The Final Exam will be comprehensive. Any formulas required to answers the questions will be provided. Only a calculator and pen/pencil will be needed for the exams – no bluebook or extra paper.
Paper project (20% of course grade)

Details of project will be discussed in class. Project will consist of an in-class presentation (5%) and paper (15%). Final draft of paper is due by Tuesday, December 8th at the time of the final exam.

Email

In general, before and after class or during office-hours is the best way to touch base with me. However, I do periodically check my email and will be happy to answer questions as long as they don't require too much explanation. However, if you send me an email within 24 hours of any exam or assignment deadline, I may not be able to respond before the exam/due date.

Class Website

There are two websites used in this class. The first has links to the class syllabus and any exam review material, extra credit material, and any other information regarding the class not listed on the syllabus but announced in class.

The second website is the Blackboard website through the CSUCI internet network where the class problem sets are administered.

Important dates:

Midterm Exam I: Tuesday, September 22nd

Midterm Exam II: Tuesday, October 27th

Paper Outline due

Final Exam: Tuesday, December 8th, 4:00-6:00 PM

Paper due

Course Standards

It is assumed that all students will perform professionally in preparing work required for this class. If papers have to be prepared, all papers must be submitted before class on their due date. Late submissions will not be accepted.

All students commit to maintaining and upholding intellectual integrity. Any violations, including but not limited to cheating or plagiarism may result in sanctions. Sanctions may include a failing grade on an assignment, a failing grade for the course, or suspension or dismissal from the university.

Students with Disabilities needing accommodation should make requests to the staff at the Disability Resource Programs, at the Educational Access Center, East Bell Tower 1541 (805) 437-3331, accommodations@csuci.edu, Valeri Cirino-Paez, valeri.cirino-paez@csuci.edu. Please discuss approved accommodations with the instructor.
(Tentative) **Class Schedule**  
Schedule is subject to change during the semester

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| 1    | 8/25   |                 | – Introduction  
       |                     | – Trade Theory                                          | Chapters 1, 2        |
| 2    | 9/1    |                 | – Comparative Advantage, H-O, Standard  
       |                     | Trade Model                                           | Chapters 3, 5, 6     |
| 3    | 9/8    | – Quiz 1        | – Trade Barriers (Tariff and non-Tariff)                | Chapter 9            |
| 4    | 9/15   |                 | – Political Economy of Trade                               | Chapter 10           |
| 5    | 9/22   | **Midterm #1 (9/22)** | – Political Economy of Trade (cont.)      | Chapter 10           |
| 6    | 9/29   |                 | – Forex                                                   | Chapter 14           |
| 7    | 10/6   |                 | – Exchange Rate determination                             | Chapter 15           |
| 8    | 10/13  | – Quiz 2        | – Exchange Rate adjustments and the BOP                | Chapter 17           |
| 9    | 10/20  |                 | – Currency Crises                                         | Chapter 18           |
| 10   | 10/27  | **Midterm #2 (10/27)** | – Currency Crises (cont.)                                   |                      |
|      |        | **Paper outline due** |                                             |                      |
| 11   | 11/3   | – Quiz 3        | – Currency Crises (cont.)                                 |                      |
| 12   | 11/10  |                 | – TBA (*China currency devaluation*)                       |                      |
| 13   | 11/18  |                 | – Macroeconomic Policy in an Open Economy                    | Chapter 16           |
| 14   | 11/24  | – Quiz 4        | – TBA (*Greek economy in Eurozone*)                      |                      |
|      |        | Thanksgiving (Thursday) |                                             |                      |
| 15   | 12/1   | **Oral Presentations** |                                             |                      |
| 16   | 12/8   | **Final Exam/ Final Paper due** | Tuesday, Dec 8  4:00 – 6:00 pm |                      |

(Revised August 14, 2015)