

ECON 3421W: INTERNATIONAL TRADE

This is an upper-division and writing course in international trade. It offers economic basis of international trade, trade policies, and international economic organizations. Specifically, it examines determinants of patterns of international trade; determinants of movements of capital and labor; determinants of offshoring of goods and services; and effects of import tariffs, import quotas and export subsidies. Prerequisites for this course are Econ 2201, Eng 1010 or 1011 or 2011 or 3800.

• **TEXTBOOK**

1. Required textbook: *International Economics* by Robert C. Feenstra and Alan M. Taylor (2015). We will cover Chapters 1-10. These chapters are also sold separately as *International Economics*. Students can purchase either version in a hardcopy format or electronic format.
2. Recommended textbooks:
 - *The Elements of Style* by William Strunk Jr. and E.B. White (2013)
 - *Economical Writing* by Deirdre N. McCloskey (1999)

• **EVALUATIONS**

1. Term paper assignments: 100 points. Late submissions of the term paper assignments are subject to a penalty of 10% per week. **Students must pass the writing component in order to pass the course.**
 - Topic selection: 10 points (Due date: 09/28)
 - Outline with bibliography: 20 points (Due date: 10/19)
 - First draft: 30 points (Due date: 11/9)
 - Final draft: 40 points (Due date: 12/16)
2. Three assignments: 30 points
3. Midterm exam: 30 points. It will be on 10/9 in the classroom. For the students who miss the midterm, the final exam will become 80 points.
4. Final exam: 40 points. It is tentatively scheduled on 12/14 in the classroom. The registrar office will confirm its schedule.
5. Unannounced quizzes award extra 10 points. This will count toward the final grade without adjusting the total score.
6. Warning: Academic misconduct can result in losing points for the academic work or failing the course. Academic misconduct includes, but is not limited to the following:
 - Providing or receiving assistance on academic work in a way that was not authorized by the instructor
 - Any attempt to improperly influence (bribery, threats) any member of the faculty, staff, or administration of the University in any matter relating to academics or research
 - Plagiarism
 - Doing academic work for another student

- Situations where one student knowingly assists another student in committing an act of academic misconduct, and any student doing so will be held equally accountable for the violation

Academic misconduct procedures are disclosed in the student code:

- An alleged student will be notified in writing and orally by the instructor within 15 days of the discovery of the alleged misconduct. Evidence of academic misconduct can include continuing suspicious behavior during an exam when warned by the instructor to stop and academic works being submitted by two students that are remarkably similar.
- The alleged student may contest by submitting a written request for a hearing to the instructor and send copies of the request to the dean of the college and the department head within 15 days from the instructor's first written notice.
- For more information on academic misconduct procedures, see the student code particularly Appendix A:

<http://community.uconn.edu/the-student-code-appendix-a/>

- **TERM PAPER**

As this is a "W" course, all students must write a term paper which satisfies the following requirements:

1. Eligible topics must be related to at least one of the following subjects: causes or effects of international trade; causes or effects of offshoring; causes or effects of movements of capital and labor; and causes or effects of international trade policies. They may be theoretical or empirical. If they are empirical topics, they may be specific to a country, a specific industry or a large number of countries and industries.
2. The first draft and the final draft are at least 15 pages in length, double-spaced with 1-inch margins at the top, bottom, and along the sides.
3. The outline, the first draft and the final draft must include bibliography.
4. The topic selection, the outline, the first draft and the final draft must be submitted in an electronic format by email by 6:00pm on the due date.

- **RESOURCES FOR RESEARCH**

1. Online resources for research in economics is provided by UConn Stamford Library at this site: <http://classguides.lib.uconn.edu/economics>
2. Students can use tutoring services offered by UConn Stamford Writing Center in the Jeremy Richard Library. The Writing Center is part of the Source for Active Learning, which serves the campus as both a Writing Center and a Q Center. It is located in the Learning Commons area, on the first floor of the Jeremy Richard Library. Their undergraduate writing tutors offer one-on-one tutoring during the day.
 - a. Tutoring this semester is available during 09/12-12/9.

- b. The fall 2015 schedule will be announced at the beginning of the semester through the UConn Stamford student mailing list.
- c. Their appointments are made online at <http://advapp.uconn.edu/>.
To schedule an appointment:
 - Go to the website and select “The Source (Stamford Writing Center & Q Center)” in the drop-down menu and click “Continue.” In the next screen, log on with your UConn NetID.
 - Following the instructions after you log on, schedule your appointment. You can schedule no more than two 30-minute appointments per day.
 - Meet with your tutor in the Learning Commons area of the Jeremy Richard Library.
 - After you make an appointment online, you will receive an email confirmation. Please make sure to cancel your appointment online if you realize you cannot keep it.
 - You can meet with your writing consultant for a 30-minute one-on-one session in the library.
 - You should bring the assignment sheet and instructions to your session, if coming for an assignment.
- d. Questions about tutoring services can be directed to Serkan Gorkemli, Associate Professor of English and Writing Center Director, at serkan.gorkemli@uconn.edu.

- **COMMUNICATION**

1. We will use emails and the course website in **HuskyCT** to communicate and distribute course materials, such as reading list, lecture notes, problem sets and answer keys. To log on HuskyCT, go to <https://lms.uconn.edu/>
2. Appointments to see the instructor outside office hours can be made by phone and emails.
3. In the event of a major emergency, course requirements, deadlines and grading percentages are subject to changes that may be necessitated by a revised semester calendar or other circumstances beyond the instructor’s control. To get information about changes in this course, go to the Husky CT website or look for emails from the instructor.

- **IMPORTANT DATES**

Wed 9/14	Assignment 1 is given.
Wed 9/21	Assignment 1 is due.
Wed 9/28	Topic of the term paper is due. Midterm Review
Wed 10/5	<u>Midterm</u>
Wed 10/19	Outline of the term paper is due.
Wed 10/26	Assignment 2 is given.
Wed 11/2	Assignment 2 is due.
Wed 11/9	First draft of the term paper is due.

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Wed 11/16 Assignment 3 is given.
Wed 11/30 Assignment 3 is due.
Wed 12/14 Final exam (tentative)
Fri 12/16 Final draft of the term paper is due.

- **OUTLINE OF LECTURES**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Lecture#</u>	<u>Coverage</u>
8/31	1	Ch. 1: Global economy Writing Guide 1: Topics and resources for economic research
9/7	2	Ch. 2: Trade and technology in the Ricardian model
9/14	3	Ch. 3: Gains and loss from trade in the specific-factors model
9/21	4	Ch. 4: Trade and resources in the Heckscher-Ohlin model
9/28	5	Writing Guide 2: Literature review Midterm Review
10/5	6	Midterm
10/12	7	Ch. 5: Movement of labor and capital between countries Writing Guide 3: Outline
10/19	8	Ch. 6: Increasing returns to scale and monopolistic competition
10/26	9	Ch. 6: Increasing returns to scale and monopolistic competition (Continued), Ch. 7: Offshoring of goods and services
11/2	10	Ch. 7: Offshoring of goods and services (Continued) Writing Guide 4: First Draft
11/9	11	Ch. 8: Import tariffs and quotas under perfect competition
11/16	12	Ch. 9: Import tariffs and quotas under imperfect competition Writing Guide 5: Final Draft
11/23		Thanksgiving break
11/30	13	Ch. 10: Export subsidies in agriculture and high-tech industries
12/7	14	Final Review
12/14		Final Exam (tentative)