

Brigham Young University  
**Economics 458 – International Trade Theory**  
Section 1 Ref# 1624  
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This class is concerned with the theory of international trade. It is an upper division course and you are assumed to be familiar with the concepts discussed in Econ 380 and with calculus. We will use these tools extensively in the context of trade related issues. This course tends to be rather 'technical', but you will find it useful in terms of illustrating the applications of micro theory to the field of international economics.

Texts: Markusen, et al, *International Trade: Theory & Evidence*. ISBN 0-07-040447-X

Grading: Grading is on a curve based on point with the following weights on assignments and tests

Homework	10%
Midterm	40%
Final	50%

Homework: Homework will be given on a weekly basis. The lowest two scores will be discarded, so you may safely skip two assignments, but you may NOT turn in your homework late for credit. Please do not ask for credit for late homework. We will grade late homework to give you feedback, but not for credit.

Midterm: The midterm will be given all day in the Testing Center on Thursday & Friday, 10/31 – 11/1. It will cover chapters 1-9. The test will contain short definition, short essay, and longer analysis questions.

Final: The final will be given in our assigned classroom on the university assigned date and time. (That is in 274 MARB on **Tuesday, April 25<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.**) *No early or late finals will be given under any circumstances.* Make your holiday travel, marriage & job interview plans accordingly.

Schedule of Topics

1/9	M	Course Intro	Chapter 1
1/11	W	Supply and Production	Chapter 2
1/16	M	<b>holiday, no class</b>	
1/18	W	Demand and Preferences	Chapter 3
1/23	M	General Equilibrium	Chapter 4
1/25	W	General Equilibrium	
1/30	M	Gains from Trade	Chapter 5
2/1	W	Ricardian Model	Chapters 6 & 7
2/6	M	Ricardian Model	
2/8	W	Specific Factors Model	Chapter 9
2/13	M	Specific Factors Model	
2/15	W	Heckscher-Ohlin Model	Chapter 8
2/20	M	<b>holiday, no class</b>	
2/21	T	Heckscher-Ohlin Model	
2/22	W	Gov't Policy	Chapter 10
2/27	M	Imperfect Competition	Chapter 11
3/1	W	Increasing Returns to Scale	Chapter 12
3/6	M	Other Explanations	Chapter 13
3/8	W	Empirical Evidence	Chapter 14
3/13	M	Tariffs	Chapter 15
3/15	W	Tariffs	
3/20	M	Quotas	Chapter 16
3/22	W	Quotas	
3/27	M	Strategic Trade Policy	Chapter 17
3/29	W	Preferential Trading	Chapter 18
4/3	M	Political Economy of Trade	Chapter 19
4/5	W	Administered Protection	Chapter 20
4/10	M	Administered Protection	
4/12	W	Trade in Factors of Production	Chapter 21
4/17	M	Trade in Factors of Production	
4/24	Mon	<b>Final Exam in 247 MARB at 2:30 p.m.</b>	