

Bryn Mawr College
Econ 236: Introduction to International Economics
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This syllabus provides a general plan for the course; deviations may be necessary.

Course Objective:

An introduction to international economics through theory, policy issues, and problems. The course surveys international trade and finance and topics in international economics. It investigates why and what a nation trades, the consequences of such trade, the role of trade policy, economic integration, the behavior and effects of exchange rates, and the macroeconomic implications of trade and capital flows.

Prereq. ECON 105 - Introduction to Economics. You must complete Econ 105 before taking this course.

Textbooks:

The textbook for this course is *International Economics* by James Gerber 7th Edition (earlier editions are also fine). Additional readings will be posted on Moodle.

Course Requirements:

The course requirements include homework assignments and three exams. Homework will be submitted on Moodle or in-class and must be professionally presented for full credit. Presentations will have assigned general content. Practice problems will be posted along with corresponding answer keys. These questions will be similar to the problems we solve in class and be good practice for exams. Exams 1 and 2 will be in **in class**.

Component	Date	Share in total grade
Exam 1	October 5,2022	20%
Exam 2	November 14, 2022	20%
Final exam	Final exam period	25%
Homework		20 %
Class participation		15%

A letter grade of A, A-, B+, B-, B-, C+, C, C-, D, and F, will be assigned to you on the basis of your cumulative score.

A: 95%-100% A-: 90%-94% B+: 87%-89% B: 83%-86% B-: 80%-82% C+: 77%-79% C: 73%-76% C-: 70%-72% D: 60%-69% F: 0%-59%.

Homework

Homework will be due no less than one week after they are assigned. You must turn in your own work, but group effort is permitted and encouraged. Homework turned in late after the due date will be docked 15 percentage points every 24 hours.

Disability Support Services: Reasonable Accommodations

Bryn Mawr College is committed to providing equal access to students with a documented disability. Students needing academic accommodations for a disability must first register with Access Services. Students can call 610-526-7516 to make an appointment with the Director of Access Services, Deb Alder, or email her at dalder@brynmawr.edu to begin this confidential process. Once registered, students should schedule an appointment with the professor as early in the semester as possible to share the verification form and make appropriate arrangements. Please note that accommodations are not retroactive and require advance notice to implement. More information can be obtained at the Access Services website. (<http://www.brynmawr.edu/access-services/>)

Any student who has a disability-related need to record this class first must speak with the Director of Access Services and to me, the instructor. Class members need to be aware that this class may be recorded.

Academic Honesty

I expect that all students' behavior in this course will be in accordance with the Bryn Mawr Honor Code, of which you are well aware.

Tentative Course Outline:

	Topics	Chapter
August 29, 2022	Introduction	1
August 31, 2022	Overview of the institutions and why nations trade?	2
September 5, 2022	Labor day	
September 7, 2022	Comparative Advantage - Ricardo	3
September 12, 2022	Comparative Advantage - Ricardo	3
September 14, 2022	Comparative Advantage - HO Model	4
September 19, 2022	Comparative Advantage - HO Model	4
September 21, 2022	Beyond Comparative Advantage	5
September 26, 2022	Trade policy	6,7
September 28, 2022	Trade policy	6,7
October 3, 2022	Exam Review	
October 5, 2022	Exam 1	
October 10, 2022	Fall Break	
October 12, 2022	Fall Break	
October 17, 2022	Trade and Balance of Payments	9
October 19, 2022	Exchange rate and exchange rate systems	10
October 24, 2022	Exchange rate and exchange rate systems	10
October 26, 2022	Introduction to Open Economy Macroeconomics	11
October 31, 2022	Introduction to Open Economy Macroeconomics	11
November 2, 2022	International Financial Crisis	12
November 7, 2022	International Financial Crisis	12
November 9, 2022	Exam Review	
November 14, 2022	Exam 2	
November 16, 2022	International Trade and Labor and Environment Standards	8
November 21, 2022	The US in the world economy	13
November 23, 2022	Thanksgiving Break	
November 28, 2022	The European Union: Many markets into one	14
November 30, 2022	Trade and Policy Reform in Latin America	15
December 5, 2022	Export-Oriented Growth in East Asia	16,17
December 7, 2022	Exam Review	