

San José State University
College of Social Sciences/Department of Economics
ECON 136, International Economics, Sections 1 & 2, Fall 2018

Course and Contact Information

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Classroom:	DMH 163
Prerequisites:	Prerequisite: ECON 1A and ECON 1B

Course Format

Technology and Online Components

You must have access to MyEconLab – see instructions for registering posted on Canvas.

You must create an iClicker account (as described in the Introductory Lecture) and come to each class meeting with a powered-up smartphone or laptop with the iClicker software installed.

MYSJSU Messaging

Course materials such as syllabus, handouts, notes, assignment instructions, etc. can be found on [Canvas Learning Management System course login website](http://sjsu.instructure.com) at <http://sjsu.instructure.com>. You are responsible for regularly checking with the messaging system through [MySJSU](http://my.sjsu.edu) at <http://my.sjsu.edu> to learn of any updates.

Course Description (Required)

International trade theory, customs union, tariffs, quota policies. International monetary system balance of payments problems, foreign exchange markets.

Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

Analyze the pattern of trade among countries, understand the effect of policies such as tariffs and non-tariff barriers on trade, and understand the role of currency transactions in international trade.

Course Learning Outcomes (CLO)

1) Explain the pattern of trade; 2) Understand conflicts and cooperation in international trade; 3) Examine the social welfare impacts of trade policies; 4) Have awareness of trade issues (e.g., “currency manipulation”)

Required Texts/Readings (Required)

Textbook

International Economics: Theory and Policy (11th Edition) (Pearson Series in Economics) by Paul R. Krugman, Maurice Obstfeld, Marc Melitz

Course Requirements and Assignments

Lectures and readings are combined with labs and exams to promote the understanding to international trade theory and policy, and open economy macroeconomics and international finance.

“Success in this course is based on the expectation that students will spend, for each unit of credit, a minimum of 45 hours over the length of the course (normally 3 hours per unit per week with 1 of the hours used for lecture) for instruction or preparation/studying or course related activities including but not limited to internships, labs, clinical practica. Other course structures will have equivalent workload expectations as described in the syllabus.”

Final Examination or Evaluation

There will be a mid-term exam scheduled in the Final Exam Period.

Grading Information

- Course grade based on:
 - 3 equally-weighted exams
 - Mid-term Exam 1
 - Mid-term Exam 2
 - Mid-term Exam 3 (Final Exam)
 - 12 online labs – your grade for labs is based on the 10 highest labs out of 12 (The schedule also includes Lab Zero – a completely ungraded practice lab.)
 - The best 85% of your score on 60-90 in-class Clicker Questions

Activity	Percent of Final Grade
Exam 1	15
Exam 2	15
Exam 3 (Final Exam)	15
Labs (best 10 of 12 graded labs; 2.5% of final grade each)	25
In-class Clicker Questions (best 85% of 60-90 Clicker Questions)	30

Determination of Grades

A+	100-97%
A	96-93%
A-	92-90%
B+	89-87%
B	86-83%
B-	82-80%
C+	79-77%
C	76-73%
C-	72-70%
D+	69-67%
D	66-63%
D-	62-60%
F	59-0%

- No extra credit assignments
- Late or missed assignments get a zero grade

Classroom Protocol

You should attend all lectures and arrive punctually.

University Policies (Required)

Per University Policy S16-9, university-wide policy information relevant to all courses, such as academic integrity, accommodations, etc. will be available on Office of Graduate and Undergraduate Programs' [Syllabus Information web page](http://www.sjsu.edu/gup/syllabusinfo/) at <http://www.sjsu.edu/gup/syllabusinfo/>

ECON 136 / International Economics, Fall 2017, Course Schedule

This schedule is tentative. Changes will be posted to the Canvas website.

Date	Assignment
8/22/19	Introduction to International Economics; Course Policies and Administration; Read Chapters 1 & 2
8/27/19	Lecture Chapters 1 & 2, Data and Data Visualization; Read Chapters 3, 4 & 5
8/29/19	International Trade Theory Concepts and Framework
8/30/19	Lab Zero Posted
9/3/19	International Trade Theory Concepts and Framework (continued)
9/5/19	International Trade Theory Concepts and Framework (continued)
9/6/19	Lab 1 posted; Lab Zero due
9/10/19	The Standard Trade Model (Chapter 6)
9/12/19	The Standard Trade Model (Chapter 6)
9/13/19	Lab 2 posted; Lab 1 due
9/17/19	External Economies and International Location of Production (Chapter 7)
9/18/19	Exam 1 (covering Chapters 1-6) posted by 9am
9/19/19	External Economies of Scale (Chapter 7); Read Chapter 8
9/20/19	Lab 2 due; Lab 3 posted
9/22/19	Exam 1 due by 11:59pm
9/24/19	Firms in the Global Economy (Chapter 8)
9/26/19	Firms in the Global Economy (Chapter 8); Read Chapter 9
9/27/19	Lab 3 due; Lab 4 posted
10/1/19	Instruments of Trade Policy (Chapter 9)
10/3/19	Instruments of Trade Policy (Chapter 9); Read Chapter 10
10/4/19	Lab 4 due; Lab 5 posted
10/8/19	Political Economy of Trade Policy (Chapter 10)
10/10/19	Political Economy of Trade Policy (Chapter 10); Read Chapter 11
10/11/19	Lab 5 due; Lab 6 posted
10/15/19	Trade Policy in Developing Countries (Chapter 11)
10/17/19	Trade Policy in Developing Countries (Chapter 11); Read Chapter 12
10/18/19	Lab 6 due; Lab 7 posted
10/22/19	Controversies in Trade Policy (Chapter 12)
10/24/19	Controversies in Trade Policy (Chapter 12); Read Chapter 13
10/25/19	Lab 7 due; Lab 8 posted
10/29/19	National Income Accounting and Balance of Payments (Chapter 13); Read Chapter 14
10/30/19	Exam 2 (covering chapters 7-12) posted by 9am
10/31/19	Exchange Rates (Chapter 14)
11/1/19	Lab 8 due; Lab 9 posted
11/3/19	Exam 2 due by 11:59pm
11/5/19	Exchange Rates (Chapter 14); Read Chapter 15

11/7/19	Money, Interest Rates, and Exchange Rates (Chapter 15)
11/8/19	Lab 9 due; Lab 10 posted
11/12/19	Money, Interest Rates, and Exchange Rates (Chapter 15); Read Chapter 16
11/14/19	Exchange Rates in the Long Run (Chapter 16)
11/15/19	Lab 10 due; Lab 11 posted
11/19/19	Exchange Rates in the Long Run (Chapter 16); Read Chapter 17
11/21/19	Exchange Rates in the Short Run (Chapter 17)
11/22/19	Lab 11 due; Lab 12 posted
11/26/19	NO CLASS MEETING (PERSONAL HOLIDAY)
11/28/19	THANKSGIVING (NO CLASS MEETING)
12/3/19	Exchange Rates in the Short Run (Chapter 17)
12/5/19	Course Summary and Evaluation
12/6/19	Lab 12 due
12/11/19	Final Exam Posted by 9am
12/15/19	Final Exam due by 11:59pm