

San José State University
College of Social Sciences/Department of Economics
ECON 136, International Economics, Sections 1 & 2, Fall 2020

Course and Contact Information

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Office Hours:

- Bookable Office Hours (via Google Calendar) will be available (via Zoom) in 15-minute slots on Tuesdays and Thursdays (and other days by appointment)
- Book 24 hours in advance of proposed meeting
- Office Hours will become available Friday by noon for the following week
- Tuesdays 10am-2pm; Thursdays 12:45pm-2pm
- Please respect other peoples' time slots – logon when it is your turn!

Class Days/Time: TuTh noon – 1:15PM (Section 1); TuTh 1:30PM - 2:45PM (Section 2)

Prerequisites: Prerequisite: ECON 1A and ECON 1B

Course Format

Technology and Online Components

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

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.)

Activity	Percent of Final Grade
Exam 1	25
Exam 2	25
Exam 3 (Final Exam)	25
Labs (best 10 of 12 graded labs; 2.5% of final grade each)	25

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 view or attend all lectures.

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 2020, Course Schedule

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

Date	Assignment
8/20/20	International Economics - Course Administration and Policies
8/25/20	Introduction to International Economics, KOM 1 & 2; Office Hour Slots 10am-2pm
8/27/20	Introduction to International Economics (con'd); Office Hour Slots 12:45pm-2pm
8/28/20	Lab 0 posted
8/31/20	LAST DAY TO DROP
9/1/20	Comparative Advantage; KOM 3; Office Hour Slots 10am-2pm
9/3/20	Comparative Advantage (con'd); Office Hour Slots 12:45pm-2pm
9/4/20	Lab 0 due; Lab 1 posted
9/8/20	LAST DAY TO ADD; Specific Factors Model; KOM 4; Office Hour Slots 10am-2pm
9/10/20	Specific Factors Model (con'd); Office Hour Slots 12:45pm-2pm
9/11/20	Lab 1 due; Lab 2 posted
9/15/20	H-O Model; KOM 5; Office Hour Slots 10am-2pm
9/16/20	
9/17/20	H-O Model (con'd); Office Hour Slots 12:45pm-2pm
9/18/20	Lab 2 due; Lab 3 posted
9/22/20	Standard Model; KOM 6; Office Hour Slots 10am-2pm
9/24/20	Standard Model (con'd); Office Hour Slots 12:45pm-2pm
9/25/20	Lab 3 due; Lab 4 posted
9/29/20	External Scale Economies; KOM 7; Office Hour Slots 10am-2pm
9/30/20	MID-TERM EXAM 1 POSTED
10/1/20	External Scale Economies (con'd); Office Hour Slots 12:45pm-2pm
10/2/20	MID-TERM EXAM 1 DUE; Lab 4 due; Lab 5 posted
10/6/20	Firms in Global Economy; KOM 8; Office Hour Slots 10am-2pm
10/8/20	Firms in Global Economy (con'd); Office Hour Slots 12:45pm-2pm
10/9/20	Lab 5 due; Lab 6 posted
10/13/20	Instruments of Trade Policy; KOM 9; Office Hour Slots 10am-2pm
10/15/20	Instruments of Trade Policy (con'd); Office Hour Slots 12:45pm-2pm
10/16/20	Lab 6 due; Lab 7 posted
10/20/20	Political Economy of Trade Policy; KOM 10; Office Hour Slots 10am-2pm
10/21/20	
10/22/20	Political Economy of Trade Policy (con'd); Office Hour Slots 12:45pm-2pm
10/23/20	Lab 7 due; Lab 8 posted
10/27/20	Trade Controversies; KOM 12; Office Hour Slots 10am-2pm
10/29/20	Trade Controversies (con'd); Office Hour Slots 12:45pm-2pm
10/30/20	Lab 8 due; Lab 9 posted

11/3/20	National Income & BOP; KOM 13; Office Hour Slots 10am-2pm
11/4/20	MID-TERM EXAM 2 POSTED
11/5/20	National Income & BOP (con'd); Office Hour Slots 12:45pm-2pm
11/6/20	MID-TERM EXAM 2 DUE; Lab 9 due; Lab 10 posted
11/10/20	Exchange Rates; KOM 14; Office Hour Slots 10am-2pm
11/12/20	Exchange Rates (con'd); Office Hour Slots 12:45pm-2pm
11/13/20	Lab 10 due; Lab 11 posted
11/17/20	Interest Rates; KOM 15; Office Hour Slots 10am-2pm
11/19/20	Interest Rates (con'd); Office Hour Slots 12:45pm-2pm
11/20/20	Lab 11 due; Lab 12 posted
11/24/20	Compendium Lecture; KOM 16-19; Office Hour Slots 10am-2pm
12/1/20	Compendium Lecture; KOM 16-19; Office Hour Slots 10am-2pm
12/3/20	LAST CLASS MEETING; Compendium Lecture; KOM 16-19; Office Hour Slots 12:45pm-2pm
12/4/20	Lab 12 due
12/9/20	FINAL EXAM POSTED
12/11/20	FINAL EXAM DUE
12/18/20	GRADES DUE FROM FACULTY