

San José State University
College of Social Sciences/Department of Economics
ECON 136, International Economics, Sections 1 & 2, Fall 2022

Course and Contact Information

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Office Hours

In-person bookable (via Google Calendar) **Office Hours** will be available on campus at SJSU on a first come-first served basis in 15-minute slots on **Tuesdays and Thursdays between 1:30pm and 2:45pm** when booked 24 hours in advance of proposed meeting (I will confirm the meeting time by email).

Bookable (via Google Calendar) **Online** (via Zoom) **Office Hours** will be available on a first come-first served basis in 15-minute slots on **Mondays between 10am and 2pm** and **Wednesdays between 10am and 11am** when booked 24 hours in advance of proposed meeting (I will confirm the meeting time).

Other days or times are also available by mutual agreement.

Initially, we will use the *same* Zoom login for Office Hours and class lectures. For Office Hours, please respect other peoples' time slots – logon when it is your turn!

To book an appointment go to

<https://calendar.google.com/calendar/u/0/selfsched?sstoken=UVByS3ltMnBiZk42fGRIZmF1bHR8MDQxYzRmYTE3MTZkMzMwMzA4YTc4YWQ2ZmNjOTY5ZDM> and navigate to the correct date.

Technology and Online Components

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

You must have PackBack software to complete PackBack assignments.

You must have iClicker software functioning on a device used in class for iClicker extra credit.

MYSJSU Messaging

Course materials such as syllabus, handouts, notes, assignment instructions, etc. can be found on [Canvas Learning Management System course login website](#) at <http://sjsu.instructure.com>. You are responsible for regularly checking with the messaging system through [MySJSU](#) 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 (12th 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.)
 - 12 graded PackBack assignments
 - Extra Credit iClicker Questions.

Activity	Percent of Final Grade
Exam 1	20
Exam 2	20
Exam 3 (Final Exam)	20
Labs (best 10 of 12 graded labs; 2.5% of final grade each)	20
PackBack Assignments (best 10 of 12 graded assignments)	20

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%

Clicker questions are the only extra credit offered in the course
Late or missed assignments get a zero grade

Classroom Protocol

You should 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 2022, Course Schedule

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

DATE	ASSIGNMENT
23-Aug-22	Intro to Internat'l Econ; course policies & administration
25-Aug-22	Intro to Internat'l Econ - basic concepts, organization of course; KOM 1, 2
30-Aug-22	Intro to Internat'l Econ - Ricardian Model KOM 3
1-Sep-22	Ricardian Model KOM 3
2-Sep-22	LAB ZERO POSTED
6-Sep-22	Specific Factors Model KOM 4
8-Sep-22	Specific Factors Model KOM 4 (con'd)
9-Sep-22	LAB ZERO DUE/LAB 1 POSTED
13-Sep-22	HO Model KOM 5
15-Sep-22	HO Model KOM 5 (con'd)
16-Sep-22	LAB 1 DUE/LAB 2 POSTED
20-Sep-22	Standard Trade Model KOM 6
22-Sep-22	Standard Trade Model KOM 6 (con'd)
23-Sep-22	LAB 2 DUE/LAB 3 POSTED; EXAM 1 POSTED
26-Sep-22	EXAM 1 DUE
27-Sep-22	External Scale Economies & the Location of Production KOM 7
29-Sep-22	External Scale Economies & the Location of Production KOM 7 (con'd)
30-Sep-22	LAB 3 DUE/LAB 4 POSTED
4-Oct-22	Internal Economies of Scale KOM 8
6-Oct-22	Internal Economies of Scale KOM 8 (con'd)
7-Oct-22	LAB 4 DUE/LAB 5 POSTED
11-Oct-22	Instruments of Trade Policy KOM 9
13-Oct-22	Instruments of Trade Policy KOM 9 (con'd)
14-Oct-22	LAB 5 DUE/LAB 6 POSTED
18-Oct-22	Political Economy of Trade Policy KOM 10
20-Oct-22	Political Economy of Trade Policy KOM 10 (con'd)
21-Oct-22	LAB 6 DUE/LAB 7 POSTED
25-Oct-22	Other Trade Policy Issues KOM 11, 12
27-Oct-22	Other Trade Policy Issues KOM 11, 12 (con'd)
28-Oct-22	LAB 7 DUE/LAB 8 POSTED; EXAM 2 POSTED
31-Oct-22	EXAM 2 DUE
1-Nov-22	National Income Accounting and BoP KOM 13
3-Nov-22	National Income Accounting and BoP KOM 13 (con'd)
4-Nov-22	LAB 8 DUE/LAB 9 POSTED

8-Nov-22 Exchange Rates - Asset Approach v Monetary Approach KOM 14, 15
10-Nov-22 Exchange Rates - Asset Approach v Monetary Approach KOM 14, 15 (con'd)
11-Nov-22 LAB 9 DUE/LAB 10 POSTED
15-Nov-22 Exchange Rates - Long Run v Short Run KOM16, 17
17-Nov-22 Exchange Rates - Long Run v Short Run KOM16, 17 (con'd)
18-Nov-22 LAB 10 DUE/LAB 11 POSTED
29-Nov-22 Intenational Macroeconomic Policy KOM 19, 20
1-Dec-22 Intenational Macroeconomic Policy KOM 19, 20 (con'd)
6-Dec-22 LAST DAY OF INSTRUCTION - COURSE SUMMARY AND EVALUATION
9-Dec-22 LAB 12 DUE; FINAL EXAM POSTED
12-Dec-22 FINAL EXAM DUE