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International Trade

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Dept of Economics

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General Information

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Credit points

4

Prerequisites

ECON632 or ECON633 or admission to MIntRelMIntTrdeComLaw or MIntTrdeComLaw or PGDiplIntTrdeComLaw or PGCertIntTrdeComLaw

Corequisites

Co-badged status

Unit description

This unit examines international trade both in theory and practice. It first reviews the theories related to inter- and intra-industry trade determination and the empirical evidence supporting them. It then examines trade policies, covering a wide range of topics, illustrated by up-to-date case studies. The unit has a policy approach and aims at also providing students with a good understanding of major trade issues around the world and the effects of globalisation on trade. It focuses on current applications of theoretical principles.

Important Academic Dates

Information about important academic dates including deadlines for withdrawing from units are available at <https://www.mq.edu.au/study/calendar-of-dates>

Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this unit, you will be able to:

Be conversant with major international trade theories.

Understand and appreciate current major world trade and policy issues.

Fully appreciate the impact of major trade issues on countries with a focus on the tradeoffs between efficiency and equity.

Critically analyse, compare and examine the motives behind trade disputes.

Assessment Tasks

Name	Weighting	Due
Class Test 1	30%	Monday 31, August
Assignment	20%	Monday 12, October 2.30pm
Final Examination	50%	Formal Examination Period

Class Test 1

Due: **Monday 31, August**

Weighting: **30%**

The Class Test will be conducted in the first hour of lectures on Monday 31 August 2015 (**WEEK 6** of the teaching week). The class test will be a combination of short-answer questions, and multiple choice questions. It will be of 60 minutes duration.

Absence from the Class Test 1 without acceptable documented evidence will result in a mark of zero. Only under exceptional circumstances will a supplementary mid-session test be granted. A date, time and location will be provided in due course.

Important Notice: *Students must be available during the time of the lecture class to sit the class test. The only exception to this is if a student could not do the test because of documented illness or unavoidable disruption. In these circumstances this student may wish to consult the University's Disruption to Studies policy- http://www.mq.edu.au/policy/docs/disruption_studies/policy.html*

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Assignment

Due: **Monday 12, October 2.30pm**

Weighting: **20%**

The topic for the assignment will be provided at the beginning of week 9 of the teaching week. Students will have ONE WEEK (from the date of the release of the assignment) to complete the assignment. A hard copy of the assignment is to be submitted on or before 2.30 p.m. Monday 12th October, 2015.

No extensions will be granted. Students who have not submitted the assignment by the deadline

will be awarded a mark of 0 for the task, except for cases in which an application for special consideration is made and approved.

It is important to note that any student that submits an assignment that is not their own work will be automatically be given a mark of zero. Students will also face serious disciplinary action, which may include an automatic failure of ECON847 and the possible exclusion from Macquarie University.

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Final Examination

Due: **Formal Examination Period**

Weighting: **50%**

The final exam will be held during the official Session 2 examination period. It is important to note that it is your responsibility to find out the exact time, location and examination date for ECON847.

The structure of the final examination will typically involve short and longer answer questions, which may also include calculations and diagrammatical illustrations. Details on the exact nature and structure of the final examination will be provided in due course. It is important to note that students must pass the final examination to satisfactorily complete this unit. However, it is also important that students must complete all tasks in this course to successfully complete this unit.

Failure to attend the final examination without approved documented evidence will result in a Fail grade for this unit.

Students **MUST** pass the final examination to satisfactorily complete this unit.

Important Note: It is Macquarie University Policy to not schedule any final examinations earlier than the official date. Therefore, DO NOT organise any travel within the formal examination period as all requests will be rejected.

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Delivery and Resources

CLASSES:

The unit has 3 hours face-to-face teaching per week. The class meeting will be held on Mondays between 2.30 - 5.30 p.m.

Required and Recommended Texts and/or Materials Textbook:

Salvatore, Dominick (2012), *Introduction to International Economics*, Third Edition, John Wiley and Sons.

Students who are wanting to purchase the E-Text option can do so at

<http://au.wiley.com/WileyCDA/WileyTitle/productCd-EHEP002068.html>

Other Useful Textbooks:

Gerber, James (2012), *International Economics*, 6th ed, Pearson Addison-Wesley.

Krugman, P, Obstfeld, M., and Melitz, M. (2014) *International Economics: Theory & Policy, International Trade: Theory & Policy*, Prentice Hall.

Krugman, P. and Obstfeld, M. (2009), *International Economics*, 8th ed., Addison Wesley.

Husted, S. and Melvin, J. (2013), *International Economics*, 9th ed., Pearson Addison Wesley.

Useful Websites:

Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, www.dfat.gov.au

Australian Bureau of Statistics, www.abs.gov.au

International Monetary Fund, www.imf.org

Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development, www.oecd.org

The Economist, www.economist.com

The United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), www.unctad.org

World Trade Organisation, www.wto.org

World Bank, www.worldbank.org

Course material will be posted on the ilearn website. Any technical issues that you may have with ilearn needs to be directed to the IT section of the university.

Structure of the Weekly 3 Hour Session:

Lectures will provide students with an overview of international trade theory and as well will provide a discussion of major current trade issues. Some class time will be allocated to a class discussion of particular aspects of trade theory and trade policy. Questions will be provided in advance for students to consider. The objective of this approach is to provide each student with practice in undertaking economic analysis and to deepen a student's understanding of various issues on international trade. Students are expected to read in advance the lecture material provided online, as well as the required readings, and to participate in class discussions.

Unit Schedule

LECTURE TOPICS

1. It is essential that students attend all classes, as the tests will focus on material discussed in the lectures and supplemented with the relevant readings.
2. The following references are only a complement to lecture notes: they are NOT a substitute. In addition, a number of prescribed, up-to-date journal articles will be announced during lecture time
3. The numbering of topics below is not related to the number of lecture weeks. Some topics are shorter/longer than others.

Topic 1: Introduction - The Gains from Trade

Salvatore, Chapters 1&2; Lecture Notes.

Topic 2: Sources of Comparative Advantage

Salvatore, 2, 3, and 4; Lecture Notes.

Topic 3: Trade Restrictions (1): Tariffs

Salvatore, Chapter 5; Lecture Notes.

Topic 4: Trade Restrictions (2): Non-Tariff Barriers

Salvatore, Chapter 6; Lecture Notes.

Topic 5: Political Economy of Trade

Salvatore, Chapter 6; Lecture Notes.

Topic 6: Trade and the Global Economy

Salvatore, Chapter 1, Lecture Notes.

Topic 7: Trade Blocs

Salvatore, Chapter 7; Lecture Notes.

Topic 8: Trade and Development

Salvatore, Chapter 8; Lecture Notes.

Topic 9: International Factor Movements

Salvatore, Chapter 9; Lecture Notes.

Topic 10: Australia's Trade and Balance of Payments

Lecture Notes

Topic 11: International Trade and Exchange Rate Movements

Salvatore, Chapters 10 & 11; Lecture Notes.

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Policies and Procedures

Macquarie University policies and procedures are accessible from [Policy Central](#). Students should be aware of the following policies in particular with regard to Learning and Teaching:

Academic Honesty Policy http://mq.edu.au/policy/docs/academic_honesty/policy.html

Assessment Policy <http://mq.edu.au/policy/docs/assessment/policy.html>

Grading Policy <http://mq.edu.au/policy/docs/grading/policy.html>

Grade Appeal Policy <http://mq.edu.au/policy/docs/gradeappeal/policy.html>

Grievance Management Policy http://mq.edu.au/policy/docs/grievance_management/policy.html

Disruption to Studies Policy http://www.mq.edu.au/policy/docs/disruption_studies/policy.html *The Disruption to Studies Policy is effective from March 3 2014 and replaces the Special Consideration Policy.*

In addition, a number of other policies can be found in the [Learning and Teaching Category](#) of Policy Central.

Student Code of Conduct

Macquarie University students have a responsibility to be familiar with the Student Code of Conduct: https://students.mq.edu.au/support/student_conduct/

Results

Results shown in *iLearn*, or released directly by your Unit Convenor, are not confirmed as they are subject to final approval by the University. Once approved, final results will be sent to your student email address and will be made available in [eStudent](#). For more information visit ask.mq.edu.au.

Student Support

Macquarie University provides a range of support services for students. For details, visit <http://students.mq.edu.au/support/>

Learning Skills

Learning Skills (mq.edu.au/learningskills) provides academic writing resources and study strategies to improve your marks and take control of your study.

- [Workshops](#)
- [StudyWise](#)
- [Academic Integrity Module for Students](#)
- [Ask a Learning Adviser](#)

Student Services and Support

Students with a disability are encouraged to contact the [Disability Service](#) who can provide appropriate help with any issues that arise during their studies.

Student Enquiries

For all student enquiries, visit Student Connect at ask.mq.edu.au

IT Help

For help with University computer systems and technology, visit <http://informatics.mq.edu.au/help/>.

When using the University's IT, you must adhere to the [Acceptable Use Policy](#). The policy applies to all who connect to the MQ network including students.

Graduate Capabilities

PG - Discipline Knowledge and Skills

Our postgraduates will be able to demonstrate a significantly enhanced depth and breadth of knowledge, scholarly understanding, and specific subject content knowledge in their chosen fields.

This graduate capability is supported by:

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Assessment tasks

- Class Test 1
- Assignment
- Final Examination

PG - Critical, Analytical and Integrative Thinking

Our postgraduates will be capable of utilising and reflecting on prior knowledge and experience, of applying higher level critical thinking skills, and of integrating and synthesising learning and knowledge from a range of sources and environments. A characteristic of this form of thinking is the generation of new, professionally oriented knowledge through personal or group-based critique of practice and theory.

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PG - Research and Problem Solving Capability

Our postgraduates will be capable of systematic enquiry; able to use research skills to create new knowledge that can be applied to real world issues, or contribute to a field of study or practice to enhance society. They will be capable of creative questioning, problem finding and problem solving.

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Assessment task

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