

**INTERNATIONAL ECONOMICS**  
**ECONOMICS 2167A-001**  
Department of Economics  
Western University

**Summer 2018**

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**Registration:**

You are responsible for ensuring you are registered in the correct courses. If you are not registered in this course, the Department will not release any of your marks until your registration is corrected. You may check your timetable by using the Login on the Student Services website at <https://student.uwo.ca>. If you notice a problem, please contact your home Faculty Academic Counsellor immediately.

**Prerequisite Note:**

The prerequisites for this course are **Economics 1021A/B** and **1022A/B**, or **Economics 1020** or **2001A/B**.

The antirequisites for this course are **Economics 2163A/B, 2164A/B, 3352A/B, 3353A/B**

You are responsible for ensuring that you have successfully completed all course prerequisites, and that you have not taken any anti-requisite courses. Lack of prerequisites may not be used as a basis for appeal. If you are found to be ineligible for a course, you may be removed from it at any time and you will receive no adjustment to your fees. This decision cannot be appealed.

If you find that you do not have the course prerequisites, it is in your best interest to drop the course well before the end of the add/drop period. Your prompt attention to this matter will not only help protect your academic record, but will ensure that spaces become available for students who require the course in question for graduation.

**Course Objectives:**

This course is divided into three parts: i) international trade and ii) international macroeconomics iii) current events

Part (i) deals with trades between countries regarding the patterns, terms, and gains from the trades. To explore these topics, we will cover major trade theories in detail. Current trade policies will be analyzed using these theories with attention to mismatches between theory and policy. Part (ii) deals with the foreign exchange market, its determinants, and policies under different exchange rate regimes. We integrate the knowledge of how the foreign exchange market works with international flow of financial assets in the world economy. Part (iii) will cover current events related to trade such as NAFTA renegotiation, Brexit, China/US tariffs etc to explore the causes of these events and the predicted effect on citizens of a country.

**Course Learning Outcomes:**

- Students will be able to apply different trade theories to show how different economies can gain from trade
- Students will be able to recognize how immigration and investment policies (mobility of factors) affect different economies
- Students will learn how trade policies affect economies differently depending on the market structure
- Students will learn how the exchange rate is related to prices and interest rates
- Students will learn about different exchange rate regimes and policy implications under each regime
- Students will gain an understanding of how international economics will affect the citizens of a country, particularly Canada

**Course Learning Outcomes:****Textbook:**

Suggested Textbook: Essentials of International Economics (3<sup>rd</sup> edition), Feenstra, Robert and Alan Taylor, Worth Publishers 2015.

The course will follow this textbook most closely but any undergraduate level textbook on international economics which covers the topics in the course schedule below should be an acceptable substitute.

**Grading:**

The distribution of the marks is as follows:

Two quizzes: 20% (Two in- class quizzes, announced one week in advance)

Midterm: 30% (Time and location will be posted on OWL)

Final: 50% (Time and location will be posted on OWL)

There will be no make-up quizzes. If you were unable to attend lectures and missed one or two quizzes, you may provide supporting documentations to adjust the marking distribution.

All quizzes, and exams will be composed of multiple choice and short answer questions.

The final exam covers all course materials, and will take place during the final exam period (June 25 & 26). Exact schedule will be determined by the Registrar's Office

### Course Outline

Date	Chapter	Evaluation
May 14	1.Introduction 2.The Ricardian Model	
May 16	3.Specific-Factors Model 4.Heckscher-Ohlin Model	
May 21	Victoria Day(No class)	
May 23	5.Labor and Capital Mobility	
May 28	6.Imperfect Competition and Trade	Quiz 1 (tentative)
May 30	7&8.Tariffs and Quotas	
June 4	9.International Agreements	
June 6(Part 1 Ends)		Midterm Chapter 1-9
June 11	10-12. Exchange Rates	
June 13	13.National and International Accounts	Quiz 2(tentative)
June 18	14.Open Economy Macroeconomic Policy	
June 20	15.Fixed vs Flexible Exchange Rate Policy	
June 25/26		Final Exam

---the above list of topics and chapters is tentative. Deletions and additions, as well as the sequence of topics, may change as the course progresses. It is incumbent on course participants to be aware of these changes. Absence from class will not be accepted as an excuse for not knowing about any changes.

## Please Note Department Policies for Summer 2018

Remember that the University expects all students to take responsibility for their own Academic Programs. Students should also check their registration to ensure they are enrolled in the correct courses.

1. Guidelines and policies for the Faculty of Social Science and the Department of Economics are posted online in the current Western Academic Calendar at:  
<http://westerncalendar.uwo.ca>.
2. Students must familiarize themselves with the “Rules of Conduct for Examinations”  
[http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic\\_policies/exam/administration.pdf](http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/exam/administration.pdf).
3. **Cheating as an academic offence:** Students are responsible for understanding what it means to “cheat”. The Department of Economics treats cheating incidents very seriously and will investigate any suspect behavior. Students found guilty will incur penalties that could include a failing grade or being barred from future registration in other Economics courses or programs. The University may impose further penalties such as a notation on an official academic transcript, suspension or expulsion.
4. **Plagiarism:** Students must write their essays and assignments in their own words. When taking an idea/passage from another author, it must be acknowledged with quotation marks where appropriate and referenced with footnotes or citations. Plagiarism is an academic offence (see Scholastic Discipline for Undergraduate Students in the Western Calendar at [http://westerncalendar.uwo.ca/PolicyPages.cfm?Command=showCategory&PolicyCategoryID=1&SelectedCalendar=Live&ArchiveID=#Page\\_20](http://westerncalendar.uwo.ca/PolicyPages.cfm?Command=showCategory&PolicyCategoryID=1&SelectedCalendar=Live&ArchiveID=#Page_20)).

Western University uses software to check for plagiarism and students may be required to electronically submit their work. Those found guilty will be penalized as noted in point 3.

5. It is a Department of Economics policy that **NO** assignments be dated, stamped or accepted by staff. Students must submit assignments in class or to the instructor during office hours.
6. When appealing a mark, students should refer to the Student Academic Appeals section in the current Western Academic Calendar at:  
[http://westerncalendar.uwo.ca/PolicyPages.cfm?Command=showCategory&PolicyCategoryID=1&SelectedCalendar=Live&ArchiveID=#Page\\_14](http://westerncalendar.uwo.ca/PolicyPages.cfm?Command=showCategory&PolicyCategoryID=1&SelectedCalendar=Live&ArchiveID=#Page_14).  
Please note the relevant deadlines.

The Department will not consider an appeal unless an attempt has been made to settle the matter with the instructor first. Students who remain dissatisfied with the outcome may proceed with a written appeal (e-mails are not acceptable) to the Undergraduate Director in Economics, stating the reasons for their appeal. A checklist is provided at:  
[http://economics.uwo.ca/undergraduate/program\\_counselling/responsibilities\\_policies.html#appeals](http://economics.uwo.ca/undergraduate/program_counselling/responsibilities_policies.html#appeals).

7. Systematic adjustments of a class grade distribution (either up or down) can occur in Economics courses. The fact that grades have been adjusted is **not** grounds for an appeal.

8. Note the following add and drop deadlines:

Deadlines to add courses in the summer:

Distance Studies:	<b>Friday May 11, 2018</b>
Intersession:	<b>Tuesday May 15, 2018</b>
Summer Evening (first term):	<b>Friday May 11, 2018</b>
Summer Evening (second term):	<b>Friday June 22, 2018</b>

Deadlines to drop courses in the summer:

Distance Studies:	<b>Monday June 11, 2018</b>
Intersession:	<b>Monday June 4, 2018</b>
Summer Evening (first term):	<b>Monday June 4, 2018</b>
Summer Evening (second term):	<b>Monday July 16, 2018</b>

9. Faculty of Social Science policy states that oversleeping or misreading an exam schedule is NOT grounds for a makeup. This rule applies to midterm and final exams in the Department of Economics.

### **Policy Regarding Makeup Tests and Final Examinations**

*Academic accommodation will **not** be granted automatically on request. Students **must** demonstrate by documentation that there are **compelling** medical or compassionate grounds before academic accommodation will be considered.*

Students who proceed to write a test or examination must be prepared to accept the mark. Rewriting tests or examinations, or having their value reweighted on a retroactive basis, is **not** permitted. Students must also book travel arrangements AFTER final exam dates have been posted as they must not conflict with test or final exams.

Unless medically incapable of doing so, students must notify their instructor prior to the test date or at least within **24 hours** when requesting a makeup exam. Failure to follow this procedure may result in denial of academic accommodation and a grade of zero. Students should also set up an appointment as soon as possible to meet with their instructor. If the instructor is not available, send an email message, copying the Undergraduate Coordinator at [econugrd@uwo.ca](mailto:econugrd@uwo.ca). **Notifying instructors of a missed exam does not automatically entitle students to a makeup.**

Students who seek a makeup exam must also provide supporting medical or other relevant documentation that their absence from a scheduled test or exam is beyond their control. Documentation should be submitted to the Academic Counselling Office of the student's *home* Faculty **as soon as possible (preferably within 24 hours of the scheduled test)**. Failure to follow this procedure may result in denial of academic accommodation and a grade of zero. If the documentation submitted is not acceptable, students will receive a zero for the missed test.

For personal illness, students may consult Student Health Services and request a Student Medical Certificate from the physician. If assessed by an off-campus doctor, students must obtain a certificate from his/her office at the time of the visit. The off-campus medical certificate form must also be used and can be found at:

[http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic\\_policies/appeals/medicalform.pdf](http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/medicalform.pdf).

Notes stating "For Medical Reasons" are not considered sufficient.

For religious or compassionate circumstances, students should ask their Academic Counsellor what documentation to provide. If documentation is judged sufficient, the Academic Counsellor will issue a Recommendation for a Special Examination (a single form for midterms or a triple-color form for final exams). Once students have this form, they must contact their instructor as soon as possible to make arrangements. Even if approved by their Academic Counsellor, there is no guarantee that students will be allowed to write the makeup test/exam.

For final examinations, students need to seek permission from their *home* Faculty Counsellor, Instructor, and the Department Undergraduate Director. Failure to follow this procedure may result in a grade of zero. Students must ensure that the Special Examination form has been signed by the Instructor and Department Undergraduate Director and that the form is returned to the Academic Counselling Office for approval without delay. If approved, makeup examinations will be written within one month of the end of the exam period.

### **Policies Regarding Academic Accommodation**

The Faculty of Social Science's policies regarding academic accommodation is found at [http://counselling.ssc.uwo.ca/procedures/having\\_problems/index.html](http://counselling.ssc.uwo.ca/procedures/having_problems/index.html).

"Academic Rights and Responsibilities" are also outlined in the Western Calendar at <http://westerncalendar.uwo.ca/PolicyPages.cfm?PolicyCategoryID=1&command=showCategory&SelectedCalendar=Live&ArchiveID=>. Claiming that "you didn't know what to do" is not an acceptable excuse for not following the stated procedures.

### **Policy Regarding Class Attendance**

If the instructor deems a student's class attendance as unsatisfactory, that student may be prohibited from writing the final examination. If there is intent to make use of this University policy, the student will be notified in writing.

### **Statement on Mental Health and Support Services**

Students under emotional/mental distress should visit [http://uwo.ca/health/mental\\_wellbeing/](http://uwo.ca/health/mental_wellbeing/) for more information and a complete list of resources on how to obtain help.