ECON 3171 – 090
International Business Economics
Fall 2020
T, R, 4:00 - 5:15 p.m.
Friday #137

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Course Description: Prerequisite – ECON 2101 and ECON 2102. Survey of international trade and international monetary theory including determination of international trade patterns, welfare implications of international trade and trade restrictions, economic integration, exchange rate determination, and the balance of payments. Credit will not be given for ECON 3171 where credit has already been given for ECON 4171 or 4172.

Course Objectives: By the end of this semester, students should demonstrate a strong understanding of international economic topics that include exchange rates, international trade patterns, international trade policy, and international economic integration.

Attendance: Students are expected to attend every class on time. Note that this is a face-to-face instruction class. However, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we switch to online teaching using Zoom-style meetings during the period September 8 - October 1. After October 1, we plan to switch back to face-to-face instruction.

While important announcements will be posted in the University’s Canvas website (https://canvas.uncc.edu), you may still miss some class announcements in your class absence. It is your responsibility to ask other students, rather than the instructor, for the class announcement you missed.

Grading Policy:

1) The course grade is based on three exams (two midterms & one final) and homework assignments. Their relative weights are:

   Midterm Exam #1 = 100 points
   Midterm Exam #2 = 100
   Final Exam = 100
   Homework = 100
2) Course Grade: A=90 - 100%, B=80 - 89%, C=70 - 79%, D=60 - 69%, F = 60% below. Your percent average is calculated by dividing your earned points by the grade base of 400 points.

3) All the three exams are equally weighted and non-cumulative, each counting for 100 points.

4) Homework including several assignments counts for 100 points. All homework assignments will be posted in the University’s Canvas (https://canvas.uncc.edu). Every student must download, complete, and submit each completed homework online by uploading it on the instructor’s Canvas website on the due date. You must follow the homework instructions to submit each homework online. You will earn zero point if you fail to submit your homework on the due date.

5) No make-up test shall be given in general, unless you miss an exam while officially representing the University for an off-campus event. If you miss an exam with no justifiable reasons, you will be given a zero (0) for that exam.

Disability Services

UNC Charlotte is committed to access to education. If you have a disability and need academic accommodations, please provide a letter of accommodation from Disability Services early in the semester. For more information on accommodations, contact the Office of Disability Services at 704-687-0040 or visit their office at Fretwell 230.

Important Dates

First day of classes – Tuesday, September 8, 2020
Last day of classes – Tuesday, December 15, 2020
Midterm Exam #1 – Thursday, October 8
Midterm Exam #2 – Thursday, November 12
Final Exam – TBA

Lecture Outline
(subject to changes)

- Topic 1: Comparative Advantage and the Gains from Trade – Ch. 3
- Topic 2: The Theory of Tariffs and Quotas – Ch. 6
- Topic 3: Commercial (Trade) Policy – Ch. 7
- Topic 4: Trade and the Balance of Payments – Ch. 9
- Topic 5: Exchange Rates and Exchange Rate Systems – Ch. 10
- Topic 6: International Financial Crises – Ch. 12
- Topic 7: Regional Economic Integration
  - North America – Ch. 13
  - European Union – Ch. 14
  - East Asia – 16 & 17
  - Latin America - 15

Academic Integrity

Students have the responsibility to know and observe the requirements of The UNC Charlotte Code of Student Academic Integrity (Catalog, page 275). This code forbids cheating, fabrication or falsification of information, multiple submissions of academic work, plagiarism, abuse of academic materials, and complicity in academic dishonesty. Any special requirements or permission regarding academic integrity
in this course will be stated by the instructor and are binding on the students. Academic evaluations in this course include a judgment that the student’s work is free from academic dishonesty of any type; and grades in this course therefore should be and will be adversely affected by academic dishonesty. Students who violate the code can be expelled from UNC Charlotte. The normal penalty for a first offense is zero credit on the work involving dishonesty and further substantial reduction of the course grade. In almost all cases, the course grade is reduced to F. Copies of the code can be obtained from the Dean of Students Office. Standards of academic integrity will be enforced in this course. Students are expected to report cases of academic dishonesty to the course instructor.

Statement on Diversity

The Belk College of Business strives to create an inclusive academic climate in which the dignity of all individuals is respected and maintained. Therefore, we celebrate diversity that includes, but is not limited to ability/disability, age, culture, ethnicity, gender, language, race, religion, sexual orientation, and socio-economic status.