

ECON 471  
International Trade

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This course covers various theories of international trade and offers discussion of the welfare impacts of trade policies. It consists of lectures, problem sets, one mid-term exam, and one final exam. The problem sets will be graded and will account for 10% of the total grade. The mid-term exam and final exam will carry weights of 40% and 50%, respectively, for the final grade.

Students are expected to have a good background in intermediate microeconomics and mathematical tools. Simple calculus (mainly differentiation) may be used sometimes in class.

Lecture notes to be covered in class will be posted and can be downloaded. It is advised that you bring a copy of the lecture notes to class. Diagrams to illustrate the theories and discussion will be presented in class.

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## **TEXT**

Appleyard, Dennis R. and Alfred J. Field, (A&F), *International Economics*, 9<sup>th</sup> Edition, McGraw-Hill, 2016. (The 8<sup>th</sup> edition can be used instead.)

## **REFERENCE**

Paul R. Krugman, Maurice Obstfeld, Marc J. Melitz (K&O), *International Economics*, 10<sup>th</sup> edition, Addison Wesley, 2015.

## **1. Partial Equilibrium and Foreign Trade**

Features of world trade: A&F, Chapter 1, K&O, Chapter 1.

## **2. The Classical Framework and Theory of Comparative Advantage**

A&F\*, Chapters 2 – 4.

K&O, Chapter 2.

## **3. The Neoclassical Theory**

A&F\*, Chapters 5, 7 – 9.

K&O\*, Chapters 3 – 5.

## **4. Other Theories of International Trade**

A&F\*, Chapter 10.

K&O\*, Chapter 6.

## **5. Gains from Trade**

A&F\*, Chapter 6.

## **6. Tariffs and Trade Theory**

A&F\*, Chapters 13 – 14.

K&O\*, Chapter 9 – 11.

## **7. Strategic Trade Policy**

A&F\*, Chapter 15.

K&O\*, Chapter 12.

Grossman, Gene M.,\* “Strategic Export Promotion: A Critique,” in Krugman (ed.),

*Strategic Trade Policy and the New International Economics*, 1986.

## **8. Economic Integration**

A&F\*, Chapter 17.

Asterisked items are more important and should be read as soon as possible. These eight sections are listed according to the topics, and they are of different lengths. (For example, Section 3 is much longer, and it is also very important.)