ECON 3171 – 001
International Business Economics
Spring 2017
T, R, 3:30 - 4:45 p.m.
ROWE 161

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Required Text: James Gerber, International Economics, 6th Edition, 2013, Addison-Wesley

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. Your class attendance will count toward your course grade as specified in Grading Policy.

While important announcements will be posted in the University's **Moodle website** (http://moodle2.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), homework assignments, and class participation throughout the Spring 2017 semester. Their percent weights are:

Midterm Exam #1	= 25%	
Midterm Exam #2	= 25%	
Final Exam	= 30%	
Homework	= 20%	
Class participation	= 5%	(extra credit)

2) Course Grade: A=90 - 100%, B=80 - 89%, C=70 - 79%, D=60 - 69%, F = 60% below

3) The first two exams are equally weighted and non-cumulative, each counting for 25%, while the final exam is cumulative, counting for 30%.

4) Homework including several assignments counts for 20%. All homework assignments will be posted in the University's **Moodle** (http://moodle2.uncc.edu). Every student must download, complete, and hand each completed homework assignment to the instructor in the classroom on the due date as soon as the class begins. Students will not be allowed to work on their homework in the middle of a class proceeding on the due date. You will earn zero point from any overdue homework.

5) Class participation allows you to earn extra credit up to 5%, depending on your class attendance rate of the Spring 2017 semester. To calculate how much extra credit you can earn, the 5% extra credit is set equal to 20 bonus points. So, if you end up earning 15 points out of 20 points, your earned extra credit is 3.75%, calculated by (15/20)x5%. There are 30 scheduled classes in total. Every student starts with 20 bonus points. For each class you fail to attend, your bonus points drop by one point. But note that if you miss 10 classes or more than 10 classes, your bonus points are set to drop to zero, meaning an extra credit of zero percent.

6) 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 Servicies

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, January 10, 2017
Last day of classes – Tuesday, May 2, 2017
Midterm Exam #1 – Thursday, February 16
Midterm Exam #2 – Thursday, March 23
Final Exam – Thursday, May 11, 2:00 – 4:30 pm

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.