ECON 3171 – 001
International Business Economics
Spring 2018
M, W, 3:30 - 4:45 p.m.
Friday 161

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

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), homework assignments, and class participation throughout the Spring 2018 semester. Their relative weights are:

   Midterm Exam #1 = 100 points
   Midterm Exam #2 = 100
   Final Exam = 100
   Homework = 100
   Class participation = 15 (extra credit)
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. The maximum points you can earn is 415 points due to the extra credit of class participation.

3) The first two exams are equally weighted and non-cumulative, each counting for 100 points. The final exam is cumulative, counting for 100 points as well.

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 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 15 points, depending on your class attendance during the Spring 2018 semester. There are about 30 scheduled classes in total. To determine your extra credit, every student starts with 15 bonus points. For each class you fail to attend, your bonus points drop by one point. Your extra credit will drop to zero if you miss 15 classes or more.

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 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 – Monday, January 08, 2018
- Last day of classes – Monday, April 30, 2018
- Midterm Exam #1 – Wednesday, February 14
- Midterm Exam #2 – Wednesday, March 21
- Final Exam – Wednesday, May 09, 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
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.