

International Economics – 2015/2016

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Syllabus/ Program:

1. Basic concepts
2. Main models of international trade:
 - 2.1. The theory of comparative advantages
 - 2.2. The factor proportions theory
 - 2.3. Extensions. International Trade and Economies of Scale.
3. Trade restrictions and Trade policy
4. Firms, location, and distance
5. International trade and Regional Trade: International Trade Organizations
6. International Financial System and International Trade
 - 6.1. Exchange rate regimes
 - 6.2. The EMS and the Euro

References:

Beugelsdijk et al., 2013, International Economics and Business, Cambridge, UK.

Feenstra, C. Robert and Alan Taylor, 2014, Essentials of International Economics, 3th edition, NY

Kreinin, Mordechai, 2010, International Economics, Pearson, New York

Krugman, Paul K. et al., 2015, International Economics, Theory and Policy. 10th edition, Pearson. USA

Assessment alternatives:

1. Two tests (60 min each one)

1st test: on November 26th (at class) – chapters 1-3. Weight: 50%

2nd test: on January 14th (at class) – chapters 4-6. Weight: 50%

1st test + 2nd test : Weight: 100%

2. A Working paper consisting of the analysis of the main concepts linked with two chapters at your choice (among chapters 2-6) with a final defense at class.

Deadline delivery: January 18th. Presentation: January, 22th/23th. Weight: 100%.

The WP can be composed up to 3 students. It must not have more than 20 pages, TR11/12, 1.5 line spaces.

3. A final exam encompassing chapters 1-6 (90 min)

Remark: Any student who failed the previous options has a right to an additional exam similar to that advanced at point 3.