

Syllabus

International Trade Theory and Policy

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This course provides an introduction to international economics, concentrating on trade theory and policy. In the lecture we will discuss the main theoretical approaches that explain the structure and volume of trade as well as important issues in trade policy. The proseminars deal with additional topics like the relationship between trade and environment or trade and international agreements.

Programme – Lecture

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The first lecture starts on Monday, October 12, 2015, 8:00, UR 3.

We will use the book by

van Marrewijk, Ch. (2012): International Economics - Theory, Application, and Policy. Oxford University Press. Second edition.

Additional material (slides) will be provided in the e-campus. There is also a web-site for the book (see <http://global.oup.com/uk/orc/busecon/economics/vanmarrewijk2e/>).

At the end of the course, there will be a final exam. This will include all topics covered in the course (lecture + proseminar). Details on this exam will be given in the lecture and seminar sessions.

For students in the Bachelor programme and students of International Economics and Business Studies (IWW) the final grade is a weighted average of the evaluations in the final exam **and** the seminar based on the credits of the lecture and the seminar. Students of Law and Economics will have an exam on the material covered in the lecture.

Programme – Seminar

Group 1 – LV-Nr. 432047

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Day	Date	Time	Room	Subject
Fr	Oct 9	08.00-10.30	SR 9	Introduction & Tutorial
Fr	Nov 6	08.00-11.30	SR 9	Module 1
Fr	Nov 13	08.00-11.30	SR 9	Module 2
Fr	Nov 20	08.00-12.30	SR 9	Module 3 and 1st test
Fr	Nov 27	08.00-11.30	SR 9	Module 4
Wed	Dec 2	09.00-09.30	SR 9	2nd test

Tests - LV-Nr. 432047 (Group 1)

Nov 20: 1st test, covering the topics of Module 1 and Module 2

Dec 2: 2nd test, covering the topics of Module 3 and Module 4

Programme – Seminar

Group 2 – LV-Nr. 432048

Day	Date	Time	Room	Subject
Fr	Oct 9	11.00-13.30	SR 4	Introduction & Tutorial
Fr	Nov 6	13.00-16.30	SR 9	Module 1
Fr	Nov 13	13.00-16.30	SR 9	Module 2
Fr	Nov 20	13.00-17.30	SR 9	Module 3 and 1st test
Fr	Nov 27	13.00-16.30	SR 9	Module 4
Wed	Dec 2	10.00-10.30	SR 9	2nd test

Tests - LV-Nr. 432048 (Group 2)

Nov 20: 1st test, covering the topics of Module 1 and Module 2

Dec 2: 2nd test, covering the topics of Module 3 and Module 4

How to “get through”

Determinants of grade:

- Two thirds according to tests
- One third according to presentation

Necessary conditions:

1. Read the base texts in advance and take part in the discussion.
2. Pass the short tests (it is necessary to get at least 50 % of the total points to pass the PS).
3. Present your chosen topic (it is necessary to give an acceptable presentation to pass the PS).
4. Presence

Some additional information:

To 1.:

- On each bloc day two topics will be presented and worked on.
- The texts will be available online (PDF) on OLAT at ‘course documents’.

To 2.:

- Each test takes approx. 30 minutes.
- Each test contains 6 questions.
- The answer to each question is worth up to 2 points.
- All in all there are 24 points achievable, from 12 on you are graded positively.

To 3.:

- You may form groups of up to four to present a particular topic (length of presentation: 60 minutes).
- The use of additional literature is appreciated.
- Send the presentation until Friday one week before the topic has to be presented via e-mail to andrea.leiter-scheiring@uibk.ac.at concerning the 1st, 2nd and 4th module or to andrea.weiss@uibk.ac.at concerning the 3rd module. The presentation slides will be considered in the grade.
- We reserve the right to choose WHO is going to present WHICH part and will inform you about this decision about 48 hours before the seminar starts.
- 12 points are achievable at the most, 6 points are necessary to be graded positively.

To 4.:

- You may miss one of the modules but have to apologize in advance, if you are not able to participate in a session.
- The tutorial is not compulsory.

Topics and Literature

Group & Date	Topic	Literature
Lv.-Nr. 432047: Nov 06 Lv.-Nr. 432048: Nov 06	Trade agreements	Couillard, C. and Turkina, E. (2015). ‘Trade Liberalisation: The Effects of Free Trade Agreements on the Competitiveness of the Dairy Sector’, <i>The World Economy</i> 38 (6), 1015–1033. Kohl, T., Brakman, S. and Garretsen, H. (2015). ‘Do trade agreements stimulate international trade differently? Evidence from 296 trade agreements’, <i>The World Economy</i> , doi: 10.1111/twec.12272.
Lv.-Nr. 432047: Nov 13 Lv.-Nr. 432048: Nov 13	Trade & Labor	Baumgarten, D. (2015). ‘International trade and worker flows: empirical evidence for Germany’, <i>Review of World Economics</i> , 1-20. Dauth, W., Findeisen, S. and Suedekum, J. (2014). ‘The rise of the East and the Far East: German labor markets and trade integration’, <i>Journal of the European Economic Association</i> , 12 (6), 1643–1675.
Lv.-Nr. 432047: Nov 20 Lv.-Nr. 432048: Nov 20	Trade Costs	Jacks, D.S., Meissner, C.M. and Novy, D. (2011). ‘Trade booms, trade busts, and trade costs’, <i>Journal of International Economics</i> 83 , 185–201. Brun, J.-F., Carrère, C., Guillaumont, P. and de Melo, J. (2005). ‘Has Distance Died? Evidence from a Panel Gravity Model’, <i>The World Bank Economic Review</i> 19 , 99–120.
Lv.-Nr. 432047: Nov 27 Lv.-Nr. 432048: Nov 27	Trade & Environment	Chung, S. (2014). ‘Environmental regulation and foreign direct investment: Evidence from South Korea’, <i>Journal of Development Economics</i> 108 , 222–236. Poelhekke, S. and Ploeg, F. (2015). ‘Green havens and pollution havens’, <i>The World Economy</i> 38 (7), 1159–1178.