INTRO TO INTERNATIONAL ECON. RELATIONS in Fall 2018 (EC2030)

Course Code	EC2030	**Professor(s)**	Peter Bent
Prerequisites	None	**Office Number**	
Class Schedule	F: 12:10-13:30 in PV-1 T: 12:10-13:30 in C-104	**Office Hours**	Tues. & Fri. 15:20-16:40 and by appointment
Credits	4	**Email**	pbent@aup.edu
Semester	Fall 2018	**Office Tel. Ext.**	

Course Description

This is an introductory course in international economics, which aims at providing students with the necessary tools for the understanding and analysis of present day economic issues on the international scene. The course is divided into two parts. The first part deals with the theoretical core of international trade, and through addressing the question of why countries engage in trade, it examines different models of trade, terms of trade and the assumptions involved in the theoretical constructions studied. The second part of the course concerns itself with the basic issues of international monetary economics: foreign exchange and the balance of payments.

Course Learning Outcomes

The meaning of comparative advantage, the basis for it, how specialization and trade take place and how the gains from trade are distributed between the trade partners.
Perfect and imperfect competition trade theories with an emphasis on the Heckscher-Ohlin Theorem and its implications in terms of factor price and income tendencies between countries.
Trade policies limiting trade with an emphasis on tariffs and its effect on consumers and producers.
Exchange rates and their fluctuations through the use of demand and supply curves.
Balance of payments and its accounting.

General Education

Course Outline

<u>CLASS SCHEDULE:</u>

(subject to change)

Session	Day	Date	Topic	Reading
1	Tues	11-Sep-18	What International Economics is About	Salvatore, ch. 1
2	Fri	14-Sep-18	Comparative Advantage	Salvatore, ch. 2
3	Tues	18-Sep-18	Theory of International Trade	Salvatore, ch. 3
4	Fri	21-Sep-18	Offer Curves and the Terms of Trade	Salvatore, ch. 4
5	Tues	25-Sep-18	Heckscher-Ohlin Theory	Salvatore, ch. 5
6	Fri	28-Sep-18	Economies of Scale and Imperfect Competition	Salvatore, ch. 6
7	Tues	02-Oct-18	Economic Growth and International Trade	Salvatore, ch. 7
8	Fri	05-Oct-18	Tariffs	Salvatore, ch. 8
9	Tues	09-Oct-18	Nontariff Trade Barriers	Salvatore, ch. 9
10	Fri	12-Oct-18	Regional integration	Salvatore, ch. 10
11	Tues	16-Oct-18	Trade and Economic Development	Salvatore, ch. 11
12	Fri	19-Oct-18	**Midterm exam**	
13	Tues	23-Oct-18	Multinational Corporations	Salvatore, ch. 12
14	Fri	26-Oct-18	Balance of Payments	Salvatore, ch. 13
15	Tues	30-Oct-18	Foreign Exchange Markets	Salvatore, ch. 14
-	Fri	02-Nov-18	Fall break: no class	
16	Tues	06-Nov-18	Exchange Rate Determination	Salvatore, ch. 15
17	Fri	09-Nov-18	Flexible and Fixed Exchange Rates	Salvatore, ch. 16
18	Tues	13-Nov-18	Income Adjustment	Salvatore, ch. 17
19	Fri	16-Nov-18	Adjustment Policies in an Open Economy	Salvatore, ch. 18
20	Tues	20-Nov-18	Prices and Output in an Open Economy	Salvatore, ch. 19
21	Fri	23-Nov-18	European Monetary System	Salvatore, ch. 20
22	Tues	27-Nov-18	The International Monetary System	Salvatore, ch. 21
23	Fri	30-Nov-18	Economic Globalization – Historical Analysis	Frankel (see Blackboard)
24	Tues	04-Dec-18	Student presentations	
25	Fri	07-Dec-18	Student presentations	
26	Tues	11-Dec-18	Course review	
27	Tues	18-Dec-18	**Final exam**	

Textbooks

Title	Author	Publisher	ISBN	Required
International Economics, 11TH NEW ED	Salvatore	Wiley	9781118177945	Yes

Attendance Policy

Students studying at The American University of Paris are expected to attend ALL scheduled classes, and in case of absence, should contact their professors to explain the situation. It is the student's responsibility to be aware of any specific attendance policy that a faculty member might have set in the course syllabus. The French Department, for example, has its own attendance policy, and students are responsible for compliance. Academic Affairs will excuse an absence for students' participation in study trips related to their courses.

Attendance at all exams is mandatory.

IN ALL CASES OF MISSED COURSE MEETINGS, THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR COMMUNICATION WITH THE PROFESSOR, AND FOR ARRANGING TO MAKE UP MISSED WORK, RESTS SOLELY WITH THE STUDENT.

Whether an absence is excused or not is ALWAYS up to the discretion of the professor or the department. Unexcused absences can result in a low or failing participation grade. In the case of excessive absences, it is up to the professor or the department to decide if the student will receive an "F" for the course. An instructor may recommend that a student withdraw, if absences have made it impossible to continue in the course at a satisfactory level.

Students must be mindful of this policy when making their travel arrangements, and especially during the Drop/Add and Exam Periods.

Grading Policy

GRADING:

Class participation & book review: 25%

Three quizzes: 25%

Midterm exam: 25%

Final exam: 25%

Students will be required to read a book of their choice related to the course topic, and present a critical review of the publication in class.

Other