INTRO TO INTERNATIONAL ECON. RELATIONS in Fall 2019 (EC2030)

Course Code	EC2030	**Professor(s)**	Peter Bent
Prerequisites	None	**Office Number**	G-205
Class Schedule	TF: 16:55-18:15 in G-002	**Office Hours**	Tues. 12:10pm-1:30pm and by appointment
Credits	4	**Email**	pbent@aup.edu
Semester	Fall 2019	**Office Tel. Ext.**	

Course Description

This is an introductory course in international economics, which aims at providing students with the necessary tools for understanding and analyzing economic issues across countries and on a global scale. 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 focuses on the basic financial issues of international economics: foreign exchange and the balance of payments. An important part of this course is connecting the material from the lectures and the textbook to the "real world." To that end, it is important to read the news daily and to engage in class discussions about the international economic events shaping the world today.

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

[PLEASE EDIT OR REMOVE THE FOLLOWING TEXT AS APPLICABLE]
The general education program at AUP consists of four requirements: Speaking the World, Modeling the World, Mapping the World, and Comparing Worlds Past and Present.

This course can be used to fulfill the [INDICATE THE REQUIREMENT(S) FULFILLED BY THE COURSE] requirement and as such has the following learning outcomes:

[INDICATE THE GENERAL EDUCATION LEARNING OUTCOMES]

Course Outline

COURSE AND READING SCHEDULE

(subject to change)

The following subjects in the Salvatore textbook will be covered in this order:

1) What international economics is about

2) Comparative advantage

3) Theory of international trade

4) Offer curves and the terms of trade

5) Heckscher-Olin Theory

6) Economies of scale and imperfect competition

7) Economic growth and international trade

8) Tariffs

9) Nontariff barriers

10) Regional integration

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13) Balance of payments

14) Foreign exchange markets

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11) Trade and economic development

20) European monetary system

21) The international monetary system

[If we have time, we will cover some material from other chapters as well. It might also be the case that we don’t make it through every one of the chapters listed above, if we cover some of the earlier chapters in greater depth.]

Important EC3073 fall 2019 dates:

1st homework due	September 17
2nd homework due	October 1
1st midterm	October 4
3rd homework due	October 18
2nd midterm	November 1
4th homework due	November 15
Critical book review due	November 29
Critical book review presentations	November 29 and December 2
Course review	December 6

Final exam	Date/time TBA

Important AUP fall 2019 dates:

Last day to drop/add courses online	September 8
Mid-semester	October 16
Mid-semester grades due	October 18
Fall break (no classes)	October 30-November 3
Last day to withdraw from a course, last day for no credit option	November 4
Armistice Break (no classes)	November 11-12
Last day of classes	December 6
Reading days	December 7-11
Final Exams	December 12-18

Textbooks

Title	Author	Publisher	ISBN	Required
International Economics: Trade and Finance, 11th Edition International Student Version	Dominick 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

Homework assignments	20%
Critical book review:	15%
1st midterm exam:	20%
2nd midterm exam:	20%
Final exam:	25%

Other