

Seattle University
Albers School of Business and Economics

ECON 4720 International Economics
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Contact Information

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Office Hours: Tuesday and Thursday, 2 pm – 3 pm PST, or by appointment. To make an appointment, please email me at least one day in advance with a brief description of the topic you want to discuss.

Course Meetings

This course will be delivered in a synchronous manner. Class meetings will take place via Zoom and will be recorded and posted on Canvas.

Zoom meetings: Tuesday and Thursday, 10:15 am – 12:20 pm.

Course Website

Announcements, lecture notes, readings, assignments, etc. will be posted on Canvas at seattleu.instructure.com/courses/. Canvas works best with Chrome and Firefox browsers, but has compatibility issues with Safari.

Textbook and Readings

Course textbook: Krugman, Obstfeld, Melitz, International Economics: Theory and Policy, 10th edition. 11th or 9th editions are acceptable.

Additionally, I will assign supplementary articles and post them on Canvas.

Course Summary

This course explains the mechanics of the processes brought about by globalization, which has profound implications for private and public decision making. After taking this course, students would be able to analyze both macroeconomic and microeconomic aspects of international economics: the movement of goods and services studied by the international trade discipline, on one hand, and the movement of financial assets studied by the international finance field, on the other. The course features include economic modeling, analysis of data, and critical evaluation of policy.

The course consists of two modules:

1. International finance
 - a. introduction of key international finance terminology
 - b. application of concepts and models of international finance to macroeconomic problems that both developed and emerging economies experienced in the past and face at present
2. International trade
 - a. introduction of the main models of international trade
 - b. application of the international trade models to policy analysis

Schedule
(subject to change)

Week	Topics	Assignments Due
1. Week of Mar 29	Meeting the class. Overview of the course. Start Module 1. International Finance	
2. Week of Apr 5	Chapter 13. National Income Accounting and the Balance of Payments	
3. Week of Apr 12	Chapter 14. Exchange Rates and the Foreign Exchange Market	
4. Week of Apr 19	Chapter 15. Money, Interest Rates, and Exchange Rates	PS 1 due
5. Week of Apr 26	Chapter 16. Price Levels and the Exchange Rate in the Long Run	
6. Week of May 3	Chapter 17. Output and the Exchange Rate in the Short Run Review for Exam 1 (Tue, May 4)	PS 2 due
7. Week of May 10	Exam 1: Module 1, tentative date: Thu, May 6 Albers Ethics Week	
8. Week of May 17	Chapter 18. Fixed Exchange Rates and Foreign Exchange Intervention	
9. Week of May 24	Chapter 19. International Monetary Systems Module 2: International Trade	
10. Week of May 31	Chapter 2. World Trade: An Overview Chapter 3. Labor Productivity and Comparative Advantage: The Ricardian Model	
11. Week of Jun 7	Chapter 3. (continued) Chapter 4. Specific Factors and Income Distribution	PS 3 due
12. Week of Jun 14	Chapter 4. (continued) Chapter 5. Resources and Trade: The Heckscher-Ohlin Model	
13. Week of Jun 21	Exam 2: non-comprehensive, Tue, Jun 8	PS 4 due

Grading

Performance in this class is measured by the following:

1 non-comprehensive and 1 comprehensive exam, and 4 homework assignments.

I reserve the right to assign participation points.

Assignment	Weight, %
2 exams: short essay and problem solving exercises	35+35
4 homeworks: short essay and problem solving exercises	30

To meet Albers School of Business and Economics requirements, the grades will be curved.

Note: to succeed in this course, I expect you to do the readings indicated in the schedule **before** the class meetings.

Academic Integrity

Since group work is an important part of your learning experience, I **strongly encourage** you to review the course material with your classmates and **work on problem sets in study groups**. However, each of you should write and submit your own answers. Copy-pasting will give you no credit. Cheating on the exams will result in failure.

Notice for Students Concerning Disabilities

If you have, or think you may have, a disability (including an “invisible disability” such as a learning disability, a chronic health problem, or a mental health condition) that interferes with your performance as a student in this class, you are encouraged to arrange support services and/or accommodations through Disabilities Services staff located in Loyola 100, (206) 296-5740. Disability-based adjustments to course expectations can be arranged only through this process.

Notice Regarding Religious Accommodations

It is the policy of Seattle University to reasonably accommodate students who, due to the observance of religious holidays, expect to be absent or endure a significant hardship during certain days of their academic course or program. Please see Policy on Religious Accommodations for Students (<https://www.seattleu.edu/media/policies/Policy-on-Religious-Accommodations-for-Students---FINAL.PDF>).

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Academic Resources

- Academic Integrity Tutorial

<https://www.seattleu.edu/academicintegrity>

- Library and Learning Commons (Includes Learning Assistance Programs, Research [Library] Services, Writing Center, Math Lab)

<http://www.seattleu.edu/learningcommons>

Academic policies on Registrar website

- Academic Integrity Policy
- Academic Grading Grievance Policy

<https://www.seattleu.edu/registrar/academics/performance>