

School of Economics and Finance

## **ECON 309 INTERNATIONAL ECONOMICS**

Trimester 2 2012

### **COURSE OUTLINE**

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#### **Trimester Dates**

Teaching Period: Monday 16 July – Friday 19 October

Study Period: Monday 22 October – Thursday 25 October

(Monday 22 October is a public holiday, Labour Day)

Examination Period: Friday 26 October – Saturday 17 November (inclusive)

#### **Withdrawal from Course**

1. Your fees will be refunded if you withdraw from this course on or before Friday 27 July 2012.
2. The standard last date for withdrawal from this course is Friday 28 September.  
After this date, students forced to withdraw by circumstances beyond their control must apply for permission on an *'Application for Associate Dean's Permission to Withdraw Late'* including supporting documentation

The application form is available from either of the Faculty's Student Customer Service Desks.

#### **Class Times and Room Numbers**

Lecture times are Tuesday and Thursday, 15:40 – 16:30, Government Buildings LT4

Tutorial times are:

Thursday	12:40-13:30	RWW 128
Thursday	13:40-14:30	RWW 220
Friday	13:40-14:30	RWW 128
Friday	14:40-15:30	RWW 128

Tutorials will be held on weeks 2-5 and 7-10.

## Course Content

The study of international economics is divided into two parts: trade (micro-analysis of trade in goods and services) and finance (monetary/open macroeconomics). This course studies both. We start by introducing the major concepts of macroeconomics as they relate to open economies (output, exchange rates, etc.) and then develop models that help us evaluate policies that affect the determination of output, unemployment, price levels, and exchange rates for economies that are integrated within a global economy. The second half of the course (weeks 7-12) will focus on the theory of international trade, on the benefits and costs of trade, and a few trade-policy topics.

## Course Learning Objectives

By the end of this course, students should be able to

1. use the standard models to explain international trade
2. use models of imperfect competition to explain trade
3. explain and apply models of factor migration
4. apply economic models to evaluate government trade policies
5. explain and use a short run model of exchange rate determination
6. use a short run model of the exchange rate incorporating money
7. use a long run model of the exchange rate.

## Expected Workload

The minimum number of hours per week, in addition to time spent at lectures and tutorials, will depend upon the abilities of each student, but it is unlikely to be less than ten.

## Required Reading

P. Krugman, M. Obstfeld, and M. Melitz, *International Economics: Theory and Policy*, NINTH Edition, Pearson.

## Lecture Topics

PART A: International Macroeconomics (weeks 1-6)

Krugman, Obstfeld, and Melitz, Chs. 13-22

PART B: International Trade (weeks 7-12)

Krugman, Obstfeld, and Melitz, Chs. 1-12

## Materials and Equipment

No electronic calculators are allowed.

## Assessment Requirements

Test 1 (week 6)	20%
Test 2 (week 11)	20%
Final examination	60%

## Quality Assurance Note

Your assessed work may also be used for quality assurance purposes, such as to assess the level of achievement of learning objectives as required for accreditation and audit purposes. The findings may be used to inform changes aimed at improving the quality of FCom programmes. All material used for such processes will be treated as confidential, and the outcome will not affect your grade for the course.

## Examinations

Students who enrol in courses with examinations are obliged to attend an examination at the University at any time during the formal examination period.

The final examination for this course will be scheduled at some time during the period from Friday 26 October – Saturday 17 November (inclusive).

### **Mandatory Course Requirements**

The two tests (week 6 and week 11) are mandatory, as well as the final examination.

### **Class Representative**

A class representative will be elected in the first class, and that person's name and contact details made available to VUWSA, the Course Coordinator and the class. The class representative provides a communication channel to liaise with the Course Coordinator on behalf of students.

### **Communication of Additional Information**

Any additional information or information on changes will be conveyed via Blackboard.

### **Use of Turnitin (if applicable)**

Student work provided for assessment in this course may be checked for academic integrity by the electronic search engine <http://www.turnitin.com>. Turnitin is an on-line plagiarism prevention tool which compares submitted work with a very large database of existing material. At the discretion of the Head of School, handwritten work may be copy-typed by the School and subject to checking by Turnitin. Turnitin will retain a copy of submitted materials on behalf of the University for detection of future plagiarism, but access to the full text of submissions will not be made available to any other party.

**For the following important information follow the links provided:**

### **Academic Integrity and Plagiarism**

<http://www.victoria.ac.nz/home/study/plagiarism.aspx>

### **General University Policies and Statutes**

Find key dates, explanations of grades and other useful information at

[www.victoria.ac.nz/home/study](http://www.victoria.ac.nz/home/study)

Find out about academic progress and restricted enrolment at

<http://www.victoria.ac.nz/home/study/academic-progress.aspx>

The University's statutes and policies are available at [www.victoria.ac.nz/home/about/policy](http://www.victoria.ac.nz/home/about/policy),

except qualification statutes, which are available via the Calendar webpage at

<http://www.victoria.ac.nz/home/study/calendar.aspx> (See Section C).

Further information about the University's academic processes can be found on the website of the Assistant Vice-Chancellor (Academic) at

[www.victoria.ac.nz/home/about\\_victoria/avcacademic/default.aspx](http://www.victoria.ac.nz/home/about_victoria/avcacademic/default.aspx)

### **AVC (Academic) Website: information including: Conduct, Academic Grievances, Students with Impairments, Student Support**

[http://www.victoria.ac.nz/home/about\\_victoria/avcacademic/Publications.aspx](http://www.victoria.ac.nz/home/about_victoria/avcacademic/Publications.aspx)

### **Faculty of Commerce Office**

<http://www.victoria.ac.nz/fcom/studenthelp/>

### **Te Putahi Atawhai: Maori and Pacific Mentoring Programme**

<http://www.victoria.ac.nz/tpa/>