

L32-369 The Politics of International Trade

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In this course we will study the relationship between international trade and domestic politics. We will cover the basic models of international trade, the distributional consequences of international trade, the relationship between trade and economic development, an analysis of trade protectionism (causes and consequences) and an analysis of international organizations related to international trade (special focus on the World Trade Organization).

Grading:

Participation:	20%
Opinion Paper 1 (5 pages, 1 revision) (Paper 5%, Revision 5%)	10%
Opinion Paper 2 (5 pages, 1 revision) (Paper 5%, Revision 5%)	10%
Pop Quiz (4, 5% each)	20%
Research Paper (20 pages, 2 revisions):	40%

This class will be a mix of class lecture and discussion. Students are expected to attend and participate in class (20% of the final grade).

All written materials will be graded for both content and writing/grammar.

Opinion Papers

You will be required to write two opinion papers. These papers will be in the form of a public policy brief or a newspaper editorial. The goal is to write a persuasive essay on the assigned topic.

Research Paper

The major project in this course is a 20 page research paper on a topic related to international trade. I will provide a list of possible topics prior to Spring Break. Students will be required to submit an outline of the paper on March 29th, the research design and literature review on April 12th, and a final paper on April 26th.

Required Books

1. Dani Rodrik. 1997. Has Globalization Gone too Far? Institute for International Economics: Washington DC. ISBN 0-88132-241-5
(Copy on Reserve)
2. Ronald Rogowski. 1989. Commerce and Coalitions. Princeton University Press: Princeton NJ. ISBN 0-691-02330-1
(Copy on Reserve)
3. Kenneth Scheve and Matthew Slaughter. 2001. Globalization and the Perception of American Workers. Institute for International Economics: Washington DC. ISBN 0-88132-295-4
4. Paul Krugman. 1996. Pop Internationalism. MIT Press: Cambridge. ISBN 0-262-11210-8
(Copy on Reserve)
5. Fiona McGillivray. 2004. Privileging Industry. Princeton: Princeton University Press. ISBN 0-691-02769-2

I will also assign one trade related news article per week.

All other documents are available on electronic reserve (ERes):

<http://eres.wustl.edu/>

The Password is: Trade

Introduction

- Jan 25 Course Overview
 Hand out Opinion Paper Assignment (New Yorker Article on Plagiarism)
- Feb 1 Discuss International Trade and Domestic Politics
1. Handout on International Trade (Oatley)
 2. Krugman Chapter 8
- OPINION PAPER 1 DUE (1st Version)**
- Feb 8 Research Design
1. Geddes. "How the Cases You Choose Affect the Answers You Get." (ERes)
 2. Fearon, James (1991). "Counterfactuals and Hypothesis Testing in Political Science," (ERes)
 3. Sobel Chapter 1 (Eres)

Trade Theory

- Feb 15 1. Krugman Chapter 1, 2, 4, 5, (Buy Book)
OPINION PAPER 1 DUE (2nd Version)
- Feb 22 1. Krugman 6, 7, 9, 11
- March 1 1. Rogowski Chapter 1, 2, 3
OPINION PAPER 2 DUE (1st Version)
<http://www.econs.ecel.uwa.edu.au/235/IIT/Hecksher.html>

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- March 8 Spring Break
- March 15 1. Rogowski Chapter 5, 6, 7
- March 22 Explaining Protectionism
1. McGillivray (Buy book)
OPINION PAPER 2 DUE (2nd Version)
http://www.econs.ecel.uwa.edu.au/235/IIT/gt_airbus.html
- March 29 Trade and Wages
1. Rodrik Chapter 5 (Buy Book)
2. Krugman Chapter 3 (Buy Book)
3. Freeman, "Are Your Wages Set in Beijing". (ERes)
RESEARCH PAPER OUTLINE DUE
- April 5 Trade and Social Policy
1. Rodrik Chapters 1, 2, 3, 4 (Buy Book)
- April 12 US Public Perceptions about trade
1. Slaughter and Scheve Chapter 1-5 (Buy Book)
RESEARCH PAPER DRAFT DUE (Research Design and Literature Review)
- April 19 International Institutions and International Relations Theory
1. Keohane 49-110 (ERES)
2. Marcus Noland, Learning to Love the WTO. *Foreign Affairs*, (ERES) September/October 1999
3. Krugman Chapter 10 (Buy Book)
- April 26 Course Wrap-up
FINAL RESEARCH PAPER DUE
(Present Findings)