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Teaching Times, Modes and Locations

Course Duration: 21 Dec 2025 to 09 Jan 2026

Modes: Face-to-face

Location: Huajiachi Campus, Zhejiang University via face-to-face

Academic Level

Undergraduate

Credit Points:

The course is worth 6 units of credit point.

Credit Hours

The number of credit hours of this course equals to the credits of a standard semester- long course.

Contact Hours

The course contains a total of 53 contact hours, which consists of orientation, lectures, seminars, quiz, discussion, research, case study, small tests, assignments, on-site field trip(s), in-class and after-class activities, revision, self-study, and final exam. Students will receive an official transcript which is issued by Zhejiang University when completing this course.

Enrolment Requirements

Eligibility requires enrollment in an overseas university as an undergraduate or postgraduate student, proficiency in English, and pre-approval from the student's home institution.

Course Description:

This course focuses on the theoretical analysis of international trade with references to empirical evidence. It reviews models of international trade, starting with the Ricardian model and concluding with the new trade models. It also examines international trade policies through reference to relevant case studies. Its main objective is to help students develop a comprehensive understanding on major trade issues around the world and the effects of globalization on trade.

By the end of the course students should be familiar with the trade models, trade theory and policy, international factor movement, influences of technological, economies of scale, trade patterns and income distribution. The course will also be touching on social responsibility and ethical concerns which may arise in international trade.

Prerequisite:

Prior knowledge in fundamental Microeconomics subjects is required for taking this course.

Learning Resources

- Robert C. Feenstra and Alan M. Taylor (henceforth FT) (2014), International Trade, Third Edition, Worth Publishers
- Salvatore, Dominick (2012), Introduction to International Economics, Third Edition, John Wiley and Sons.

Learning Objectives

By the end of this course, you should be able to:

- Critically analyze major international trade theories with reference to empirical evidence and understand the fundamental concepts of international trade.
- Review models of international trade, including Ricardian model and the new trade models.
- Develop comprehensive understanding on contemporary world trade and policy issues and appreciate their impact on countries.
- Demonstrate a consciousness of trade disputes which arise the motives behind them.
- Identify the impacts of globalization on trade and present a range of implications that result from them.

- Describe ethical concerns that are commonly identified in international trading and ways to overcome these issues.
- Develop ethical awareness in the realm of international trade.

Course Delivery:

- Face-to-face Lecture mode includes lectures, seminars, quiz, discussion, research, case study, small tests, assignments, on-site field trip(s), in-class and after-class activities, revision, and final exam.

The following course will be taught in English. There will also be guest speakers and optional field trips available for students who would like to enhance their learning experience. All courses and other sessions will be run during weekdays.

Topics and Course Schedule:

WK	Topic	Activities
1	Orientation	
1	Introduction to International Trade	Lecture; Tutorial
1	Establishing a sustainable competitive advantage Resource, Comparative Advantage, and Income distribution	Lecture; Tutorial
1	Factor Endowment Differences Heckscher-Ohlin Theory	Lecture; Tutorial
1	Technology Differences Ricardian Trade Theory	Lecture; Tutorial
1	Trade policy Trade Protection policies; Strategic Trade Policy; the political economy of trade	Lecture; Tutorial
2	Seminar	
2	Distributional effects of trade on developed economies of Scale, Imperfect competition, and Trade	Lecture; Tutorial
2	The Global Economy and Foreign Direct Investment International factors movements	Lecture; Tutorial
2	Quiz	Closed book
2	Trade Blocs Trade agreements; motives behind trade disputes	Lecture; Tutorial

2	International Trade and Exchange Rate Movements Exchange Rate fluctuations; social responsibility and ethical concerns	Lecture; Tutorial
3	Imperfect Competition	Lecture; Tutorial
3	Preferential Trade Areas	Lecture; Tutorial
3	Trade restrictions Tariffs and nontariff barriers	Lecture; Tutorial
3	Administered Protection	Lecture; Tutorial
3	Revision	Tutorial
3	Final Exam	Closed book

Assessments:

Class participation	15%
Quiz	15%
Assignment	20%
Final exam	50%

Grade Descriptors:

HD	High Distinction	85-100
D	Distinction	75-84
Cr	Credit	65-74
P	Pass	50-64
F	Fail	0-49

High Distinction 85-100

- Treatment of material evidences an advanced synthesis of ideas Demonstration of initiative, complex understanding, and analysis.
- Work is well-written and stylistically sophisticated, including appropriate referencing, clarity, and some creativity where appropriate.
- All criteria addressed to a high level.

Distinction 75-84

- Treatment of material evidences an advanced understanding of ideas Demonstration of initiative, complex understanding and analysis Work is well-written and stylistically strong.
- All criteria addressed strongly.

Credit 65-74

- Treatment of material displays a good understanding of ideas.
- Work is well-written and stylistically sound, with a minimum of syntactical errors.
- All criteria addressed clearly.

Pass 50-64

- Treatment of material indicates a satisfactory understanding of ideas Work is adequately written, with some syntactical errors.
- Most criteria addressed adequately.

Fail 0-49

- Treatment of ideas indicates an inadequate understanding of ideas Written style inappropriate to task, major problems with expression.
- Most criteria not clearly or adequately addressed.

Academic Integrity

Students are expected to uphold the university's academic honesty principles which are an integral part of the university's core values and principles. If a student fails to observe the acceptable standards of academic honesty, they could attract penalties and even disqualification from the course in more serious circumstances. Students are responsible for knowing and observing accepted principles of research, writing and any other task which they are required to complete.

Academic dishonesty or cheating includes acts of plagiarism, misrepresentation, fabrication, failure to reference materials used properly and forgery. These may include, but are not limited to: claiming the work of others as your own, deliberately applying false and inaccurate information, copying the work of others in part or whole, allowing others in the course to copy your work in part or whole, failing to appropriately acknowledge the work of other scholars/authors through acceptable referencing standards, purchasing papers or writing papers for other students and submitting the same paper twice for the same subject.

This Academic Integrity policy applies to all students of the Zhejiang University in all programs of study, including non-graduating students. It is to reinforce the University's commitment to maintain integrity and honesty in all academic activities of the University community.

Policy

The foundation of good academic work is honesty. Maintaining academic integrity upholds the standards of the University. The responsibility for maintaining integrity in all the activities of the academic community lies with the students as well as the faculty and the University. Everyone in this community must work together to ensure that the values of truth, trust and justice are upheld.

Academic dishonesty affects the University's reputation and devalues the degrees offered. The University will impose serious penalties on students who are found to have violated this policy. The following penalties may be imposed:

- ✓ Expulsion
- ✓ Suspension
- ✓ Zero mark /fail grade
- ✓ Marking down
- ✓ Re-doing/re-submitting of assignments or reports, and
- ✓ Verbal or written warning.