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Teaching Times, Modes and Locations

Course Duration: 1 July 2024 to 19 July 2024

Modes: Online/Face-to-face

Location: Anywhere via online, or Huajiachi Campus, Zhejiang University via face-to-face

Academic Level

Postgraduate

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:

The broad aim of the course is to give students an increased awareness of current issues in international trade and a framework for thinking about international trade policy. 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. It focuses on analyzing the gains from trade, the changing patterns of trade, the income distributional consequences of liberalizing foreign trade, the relationship between trade, investment, and economic growth, and the reasons for and consequences of trade policies.

Prerequisite:

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

Learning Resources

- Krugman, P, Obstfeld, M & Melitz, M, International Trade: Theory and Policy, 11th edition, Pearson, 2018
- Salvatore, Dominick, Introduction to International Economics, 3th Edition, John Wiley and Sons. 2012

Learning Objectives

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

- Compare at the level of formal analysis, the major models of international trade and be able to distinguish between them in terms of their assumptions and economic implications.
- Employ the principle of comparative advantage and its formal expression and interpretation within different theoretical models.
- Apply partial equilibrium and (where required) general equilibrium models in analyzing the economic effects of (a) trade policy instruments such as tariffs, quotas, export subsidies, (b) retaliatory measures such as anti-dumping duties and countervailing duties and (c) the creation of regional trading arrangements such as free trade areas, customs unions, and common market.
- Distinguish and critically analyze the main arguments for protection and conversely be able to critically evaluate the relevance and realism of arguments for free trade, considering the costs and benefits of trade policy measures on

different sections of the community and the implications for the formulation of trade policy.

- Identify major recent developments in the world trading system and be able to critically analyze key issues raised both by the current round of WTO negotiations and by the spread of regional trading arrangements.
- Develop communications skills through the presentation of your work, interactions during tutorial sessions, and appropriate use of the discussion board.

Course Delivery:

- Online Lecture mode includes lectures, seminars, quiz, discussion, research, case study, small tests, assignments, online field trip(s), in-class activities, revision, and final exam.
- 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 of Global Economy: The gains from trade	Lecture; Tutorial
1	The Ricardian Model	Lecture; Tutorial
1	The Specific Factors Model	Lecture; Tutorial
1	The Heckscher-Ohlin Model	Lecture; Tutorial
2	Trade policy Trade Protection policies; Strategic Trade Policy; the political economy of trade	Lecture; Tutorial
2	Distributional effects of trade on developed economies	Lecture; Tutorial

	of Scale, Imperfect competition, and Trade	
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, Increasing Returns and Strategic Trade Policy	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	Close book

Assessments:

Class participation	15%
Quiz	15%
Assignments	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.