

Identification	Subject (code, title, credits)	IB 440: International Trade- 3KU credits (6 ECTS credits)	
	Department	Economics and Management	
	Program (undergraduate, graduate)	Undergraduate	
	Term	Fall, 2019	
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Prerequisites	ECON 201 Principles of Microeconomics		
Language	English		
Compulsory/Elective	Compulsory		
Text books and course materials	<p>MAIN TEXTBOOK: An Introduction to international economics: New Perspectives on the World Economy by Kenneth A. Reinert, 2012; 2nd edition</p> <p>SUPPORTING MATERIALS: International Economics by James Gerber, sixth edition, 2014 International Economics: Theory and Policy by Paul R. Krugman, Maurice Obstfeld, and Marc J. Melitz, 9th edition, 2012</p>		
Teaching methods	Case analysis		X
	Group discussion		
	Lab		
	Lecture		X
	Group work		X
	Problem Solving		X
	Others		
Evaluation Criteria	Methods	Date/deadlines	Percentage (%)
	Midterm Exam	4.11.19	30
	Case studies		
	Activity		5
	Attendance		5
	Quizzes	21.10.19 23.12.19	10
	Project/Essay	09.12.19	10
	Laboratory Work		
	Final Exam		40
	Total		100
Course objectives	<p>The objective of the course is to provide students with skills and tools necessary to understand and analyze contemporary international economics, specifically from international trade perspective. These involve discussions about the exchange of final goods and services, financial flows and factors of production across national borders, how these issues work and what are the main obstacles. In addition, students will acquire basic knowledge on the main economic theories and develop understanding of the politics of international trade relationships. Ongoing debates in global trade relations will be also discussed.</p> <p>Country Report (Project/ Essay): Students will be divided in groups consisting of two to three members in order to conduct rigorous economic assessment of a given country. Analysis will consist of four aspects: 1) General economic overview of the country: economic performance; fiscal and monetary policies. 2) Trade relations: bilateral exports and imports of the country with three largest trade partners; Determine in which industries the country has a comparative advantage and explain the reasons behind this fact. 3) Economic integration processes the country is involved in. 4) Latest economic news from the trade issues in the country. Extra points will be given for teamwork and presentation quality. There will be 2 quizzes throughout the course.</p> <p>Activity and attendance mark will be evaluated based on the participation discipline in the classes and how active you interact during the lecture.</p>		

Course outline	<p>The course is conceptually divided into three parts: trade models and theories, basic discussions on balance of payments and exchange rates, and the major debates in the international economics with an historical overview.</p> <p>We will cover classical and modern trade theories, trade policies, patterns of international specialization, balance of payments, exchange rates, government interventions etc. A particular attention will be paid to the relevant contemporary problems in developing countries.</p>
Learning outcomes	<p>Upon completion of this course, students will develop the tools necessary to determine the impacts of international trade and trade barriers on domestic and foreign markets; apply trade theories on current international economic relations; analyze current cases of international movement of goods, services and factors; understand basics of international monetary issues. Students will further develop their knowledge of macroeconomics (such as gains from trade and specialization) and microeconomics (intersection of national and international goods and financial markets) and learn to discuss them from the international economic relations perspective.</p>

Tentative Schedule

Week	Date	Topics	Textbook/Assignments
1	16.09.19	Introduction into International Trade. Brief overview of the history of International Economics	K. Reinert, Chapter 1 Krugman P., 2012. Ch1-2
2	23.09.19	Absolute advantage	K. Reinert, Chapter 2
3	30.09.19	Comparative advantage	K. Reinert, Chapter 3
4	07.10.19	Intra industry trade and Political economy of trade	K. Reinert, Chapters 4,5
5	14.10.19	Trade policy analysis	K. Reinert, Chapters 6
6	21.10.19	World trade organization / Quiz	K. Reinert, Chapters 7
7	28.10.19	Preferential trade agreements	K. Reinert, Chapters 8
8	4.11.19	Midterm exam	
9,10	11.11.19 18.11.19	Foreign market Entry Foreign direct investment International production	K. Reinert, Chapters 9, 10
11,12	25.11.19 02.12.19	Balance of payments basics Exchange rate basics	K. Reinert, Chapters 13,15, 16
13	09.12.19	Presentation of the group works , and discussions of the selected papers.	
14	16.12.19	Contemporary stance in International Trade (Selected topics)	
15	23.12.19	Summing up and preparation for final exam/ Quiz	
		Final exam	