

**San José State University**  
**College of Social Sciences/Department of Economics**  
**ECON 136, International Economics, Sections 1 & 2, Fall 2018**

**Course and Contact Information**

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<b>Class Days/Time:</b>	TuTh noon – 1:15PM (Section 1); TuTh 1:30PM - 2:45PM (Section 2)
<b>Classroom:</b>	Engineering 343
<b>Prerequisites:</b>	Prerequisite: ECON 1A and ECON 1B

**Course Format**

**Technology and Online Components**

**You must have access to MyEconLab – see instructions for registering posted on Canvas.**

**MYSJSU Messaging**

Course materials such as syllabus, handouts, notes, assignment instructions, etc. can be found on [Canvas Learning Management System course login website](http://sjsu.instructure.com) at <http://sjsu.instructure.com>. You are responsible for regularly checking with the messaging system through [MySJSU](http://my.sjsu.edu) at <http://my.sjsu.edu> to learn of any updates.

**Course Description (Required)**

International trade theory, customs union, tariffs, quota policies. International monetary system balance of payments problems, foreign exchange markets.

Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

Analyze the pattern of trade among countries, understand the effect of policies such as tariffs and non-tariff barriers on trade, and understand the role of currency transactions in international trade.

**Course Learning Outcomes (CLO)**

1) Explain the pattern of trade; 2) Understand conflicts and cooperation in international trade; 3) Examine the social welfare impacts of trade policies; 4) Have awareness of trade issues (e.g., “currency manipulation”)

## Required Texts/Readings (Required)

### Textbook

*International Economics: Theory and Policy* (11th Edition) (Pearson Series in Economics) by Paul R. Krugman, Maurice Obstfeld, Marc Melitz

## Course Requirements and Assignments

Lectures and readings are combined with labs and exams to promote the understanding to international trade theory and policy, and open economy macroeconomics and international finance.

“Success in this course is based on the expectation that students will spend, for each unit of credit, a minimum of 45 hours over the length of the course (normally 3 hours per unit per week with 1 of the hours used for lecture) for instruction or preparation/studying or course related activities including but not limited to internships, labs, clinical practica. Other course structures will have equivalent workload expectations as described in the syllabus.”

## Final Examination or Evaluation

There will be a mid-term exam scheduled in the Final Exam Period.

## Grading Information

- Course grade based on:
  - 3 equally-weighted exams
    - Mid-term Exam 1
    - Mid-term Exam 2
    - Mid-term Exam 3 (Final Exam)
  - 12 online labs – your grade for labs is based on the 10 highest labs out of 12 (The schedule also includes Lab Zero – a completely ungraded practice lab.)

	Percent of final grade each	Number	Total
Labs	2.5	10	25
Exams	25	3	75
			100

## Determination of Grades

A+	100-97%
A	96-93%
A-	92-90%
B+	89-87%
B	86-83%
B-	82-80%
C+	79-77%
C	76-73%
C-	72-70%
D+	69-67%
D	66-63%
D-	62-60%
F	59-0%

- No extra credit assignments
- Late or missed assignments get a zero grade

## Classroom Protocol

You should attend all lectures and arrive punctually. Please turn off cell phones and other noise-making devices.

## University Policies (Required)

Per University Policy S16-9, university-wide policy information relevant to all courses, such as academic integrity, accommodations, etc. will be available on Office of Graduate and Undergraduate Programs' [Syllabus Information web page](http://www.sjsu.edu/gup/syllabusinfo/) at <http://www.sjsu.edu/gup/syllabusinfo/>"

## ECON 136 / International Economics, Fall 2017, Course Schedule

*This schedule is tentative. Changes will be posted to the Canvas website.*

Week	Date	Topics, Readings, Assignments, Deadlines
1	8/21/18	FIRST DAY OF INSTRUCTION; International Economics - course administration and policies
1	8/23/18	Chapter 1
2	8/28/18	Chapter 2
2	8/30/18	Chapter 2 (continued)
2	8/31/18	LAST DAY TO DROP; Lab Zero posted
3	9/4/18	Chapter 3
3	9/6/18	Chapter 3 (continued)

3	9/7/18	Lab Zero due; Lab 1 posted
4	9/11/18	Chapter 4
4	9/13/18	Chapter 4 (continued)
4	9/14/18	Lab 1 due; Lab 2 posted
5	9/18/18	Chapter 5
5	9/20/18	Chapter 5 (continued)
5	9/21/18	Lab 2 due; Lab 3 posted
6	9/25/18	Chapter 6
6	9/27/18	Chapter 6 (continued)
6	9/28/18	Lab 3 due; Lab 4 posted
7	10/2/18	Chapter 7
7	10/3/18	MID-TERM EXAM 1 POSTED
7	10/4/18	Chapter 7 (continued)
7	10/5/18	Lab 4 due; Lab 5 posted
8	10/7/18	MID-TERM EXAM 1 DUE BY 11:59PM
8	10/9/18	Chapter 8
8	10/11/18	Chapter 8 (continued)
8	10/12/18	Lab 5 due; Lab 6 posted
9	10/16/18	Chapter 9
9	10/18/18	NO CLASS MEETING
9	10/19/18	Lab 6 due; Lab 7 posted
10	10/23/18	Chapter 9 (continued)
10	10/25/18	Chapter 10
10	10/26/18	Lab 7 due; Lab 8 posted
11	10/30/18	Chapter 10 (continued)
11	10/31/18	MID-TERM EXAM 2 POSTED
11	11/1/18	Chapter 13
11	11/2/18	Lab 8 due; Lab 9 posted
12	11/4/18	MID-TERM EXAM 2 DUE
12	11/6/18	Chapter 13 (continued)
12	11/8/18	Chapter 14
12	11/9/18	Lab 9 due; Lab 10 posted
13	11/13/18	Chapter 14 (continued)
13	11/15/18	Chapter 15
13	11/16/18	Lab 10 due; Lab 11 posted
14	11/20/18	Chapter 15 (continued)
14	11/22/18	THANKSGIVING
15	11/27/18	Chapter 16
15	11/29/18	Chapter 16 (continued)
15	11/30/18	Lab 11 due; Lab 12 posted
16	12/4/18	Chapter 17
16	12/6/18	Course evaluation and summary
16	12/7/18	Lab 12 due

17	12/12/18	MID-TERM 3 POSTED
18	12/16/18	MID-TERM EXAM 3 DUE BY 11:59PM