



Lincoln University

ECON 220 – International Economics Spring 2026

COURSE SYLLABUS

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Lecture Schedule:	Tuesday, 3:30 pm – 6:15 pm
Credits:	3 units / 45 lecture hours
Level:	Introductory (I)
Office Hours:	Tuesday, 6:15 pm – 7:15 pm.
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Textbooks:	International Economics, 8/E James Gerber. Pearson, 2022 (ISBN-13: 9780136892137).
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CATALOG DESCRIPTION

Interrelated study of the economic potential and history of various areas of the world, including United States. The course also considers the reciprocal relationship between the economic activities of man and earth surface features, population, human production, consumption, distribution. Analysis of the natural and economic functioning units and correlation of the diverse relationship recognized. (3 units)

EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVES

In our study, we will attempt to break artificial barriers that divide trade theory, international finance and political economy in order to gain a better understanding of the highly interconnected modern world. We will introduce approaches used for the evaluation of international trade policy, international financial processes, as well as global financial crises.

COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES

Upon completion of the course students will be able to:

1. Demonstrate the understanding of key ideas and concepts explaining the spatial distribution of economic activity (GELO 1)
 - a. *Assessment Activities:* Midterm/final exams
2. Demonstrate the understanding of processes (both global and regional) shape countries' economic organization as well as development trends (GELO 1)
 - a. *Assessment Activities:* Midterm/final exams
3. Critically analyze various types of political, legal and economic systems as well as corresponding threats and opportunities for business as well as for global development (GELO 4)
 - a. *Assessment Activities:* Course project
4. Implement their knowledge of economic geography to critically analyze risks and benefits for international business activities as related to global investment and marketing strategies (GELO 4)
 - a. *Assessment Activities:* Course project

PROCEDURES AND METHODOLOGY

Lecture method is combined with in-class discussions, case studies and assignments of various kinds. Participation in in-class activities is an essential part of the course and will be graded.

Assignments and projects require students to actively use resources of the library. Detailed guide to economics *resources of the library* at the LU Library website.

CLASS RULES

1. Class attendance is required. Attendance will be taken for each class at a time chosen by the instructor.
2. Students are required to login to class on time.
3. Submissions of home assignments will be conducted via the course website only (Canvas). No hard copy or email submissions will be accepted.
4. Registering on the class website is the responsibility of a student.
5. All quizzes, exams, assignments, and projects must be completed and handed in on time. Late submissions will result in lower grades (each day of delay costs 4% points).
6. Detected cheating/plagiarism (including use of AI without attribution and explanation) will result in “F” for the assignment.

EXAMS

The exams will consist of questions based on lectures, assigned chapters, and supplementary reading.

GROUP PROJECT

Every student must work on a research project for an in-class presentation as part of a group. The project will focus on the analysis of the role of a selected country in a global economy. Even though this work is done in groups, each student is expected to have a thorough knowledge and understanding of the whole project. The specific format of a

research project will be presented in class. Research projects must comply with the Lincoln University guidelines.

GRADING POLICY

All assignments, quizzes, projects and exams are evaluated using the indicated system:

94-100	A	73-76	C
90-93	A-	70-72	C-
87-89	B+	67-69	D+
83-86	B	60-66	D
80-82	B-	0-59	F
77-79	C+		

Tentative Weights

Participation (discussions, in-class assignments)	10%
Group Project Presentation	30%
Midterm Exam	25%
Final Exam	35%

COURSE SCHEDULE

	Topic	Chapter	Assignments Due
1	Introduction to the World Economy. Framework of International Economic Institutions.	Ch. 1,2	
2	Theories of International Trade: From Absolute to Comparative Advantage Theory	Ch.3	
3	Theories of International Trade: Factor Proportion Theory, New Strategic Theory, and More.	Ch. 4 - 5	Assignment 1. Comparative Advantage.
4	Government Intervention in Trade: The Classical View.	Ch. 6	Assignment 2. Modern Trade Theories
5	Tariffs in Practice: A Modern Debate	Ch. 7	Prepare for the debate: “Free trade - Pros and Cons”
6	Midterm Exam	Ch. 1 - 7	
7	Trade and Balance of Payments	Ch. 9	
8	Exchange Rate Systems	Ch. 10	Assignment 3. Balance of Payments
9	Open Economy Macroeconomics	Ch. 11	
10	Regions: East Asia, Latin America	Ch. 15, 16	Assignment 4. Exchange Rate Systems

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11	Regions: USA, EU	Ch. 13, 14	
12	Regions: China	Ch. 17	
13	Course Project Presentations		
14	Final Exam	Comprehensive	