Portland State University

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Economics 340 – International Economics

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Course Description: International trade analyzes issues that are raised by the economic interaction between sovereign states. Trade essentially follows the principles of markets and resource allocation discussed in other courses. First, we ask a central question. Why do nations trade? Why do nations restrict international trade? We discuss international factor movements, exchange rate determination and the balance of payments.


Course Requirements:

MIDTERM: July 13, 2015
FINAL: August 13, 2015

Each exam is worth 50% of your grade. No exceptions unless you have documentation regarding a medical emergency or service in the military, etc.

Cell phone policy: You will not need a cell phone in this course. Please keep your phone turned off and in your bag.

Course Calendar:

Week 1: Introduction to International Trade and Review of Demand and Supply Analysis (Ch.1)
Week 2: The Basic Theory of International trade (Ch. 2)
Week 3: Comparative Advantage and Factor Proportions (Ch 3 & 4)
Week 4: The Gainers and Losers from Trade (Ch. 5); Introduction to Tariffs (Ch. 8)
Week 5: Non-tariff Barriers to Trade (Ch.9)
Week 6: International Factor Movements  (Ch. 15)
Week 7: Balance of Payments (Ch. 16)
Week 8: Exchange Rates (Ch. 17) **Review for final.**

Please note that we may not get through all the material listed depending on how quickly (or not) we move through it.

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