



**ECO 399 Special Topics in Economics – International Trade
Costa Rica
M-Th**

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Co-requisite

PRINCIPLES OF ECONOMICS: MICRO

Course Overview

In this course, students will investigate why nations trade, what they trade, and who gains (or not) from this trade. Other topics will include globalization, trade policy, environmental factors and the role of non-government organizations (NGOs). The course will emphasize an understanding of past and current events in the world economy.

Course Learning Goals

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

1. Specialization and trade
2. Why countries trade, what they trade and who gains from trade
3. Causes and consequences of international trade
4. Arguments for trade restriction and regulation
5. How trade effects economic growth
6. International trade agreements
7. Globalization and it's impact on the environment
8. The history of trade
9. Current trade policy issues
10. Costa Rica: resources, trade and economic growth

Teaching Methods:

Primary teaching methods for this course include class lecture, class discussion and assignments.

Assignments:

There will be 2 exams during the session. The 2nd exam will count as your final exam but will not be comprehensive. The final exam will only cover the material since the 1st exam. Each exam is worth 35% of your total grade for the class and may include multiple choice, graphing and short answer questions. There will be weekly homework assignments that will be worth 20% of your final grade and a final project that will be worth 10%. There are no points for late assignments.

Grading:

Below is the grading scale for this class.

90 -100 %	- A
80 - 89.9	- B
70 - 79.9	- C
60 - 69.9	- D
59.9 and below	- F

Absences:

Attendance will not be taken. Any material covered in class is “fair game” for exams therefore attendance is highly recommended. Students who do not come to class are far less successful than those who do. If you will miss an exam, you must make arrangements in advance to be eligible to make it up. Only university-wide excuses will be accepted for makeup exams.

Academic Integrity:

A zero tolerance on cheating is upheld in this course. Plagiarism is a form of cheating. Please refer to the complete *Policy on Academic Dishonesty* provided on the NAU website.

Homework and Exams that are turned in that have resulted from cheating and/or plagiarism will receive zero credit in course points.