

**York University**  
Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies  
Department of Economics  
Fall 2021  
AP/ECON 3150 3.0 A  
International Trade

**Instructor:** Shafkat Ali, ATK 404, , email: shafkata@yorku.ca

**Time and Location:** M 11:30-2:30, CLH-C

**Textbook:** Krugman, Obstfeldt, Melitz, International Economics

**Course Description :** Studies the microeconomic aspects of international trade, tracing its historical development from the theory of comparative costs to the theory of customs unions and tariffs. Topics include trade patterns, trade barriers and free trade versus protectionism, economic growth and development in the international economy, and international institutions.

**Prerequisite / Co-requisite:**

AP/ECON 1000 3.00 and AP/ECON 1010 3.00 or equivalents. A course in intermediate microeconomics will be helpful.

**Grading:** There will be a midterm exam and a final. They will count toward the grade as follows.

Midterm	40%
Final	60%.

The grading scheme for the course conforms to the 9-point grading system used in undergraduate programs at York (e.g., A+ = 9, A = 8, B+ = 7, C+ = 5, etc.). Assignments and tests will bear either a letter

grade designation or a corresponding number grade (e.g. A+ = 90 to 100, A = 80 to 90, B+ = 75 to 79, etc.)

**Exams:** The midterm exam will be on Wednesday, October 20, classtime. The final exam is on the exam period announced by the Registrar's office.

**Missed exams:** There will be no make-ups for the midterm exam. If, for some reason students miss the midterm, the weight will be transferred to the final. The deferred exam for the final exam will be granted only for medical reasons. In such cases students should submit a deferred exam application together with the supporting documents (attending physician's statement) to the economics department to my attention. The date and time of the deferred exam will be set at a later date. Students who may require further extensions or accommodation will have to submit a formal petition to the Faculty.

## Syllabus

The Ricardian model

The specific-factors model

The Heckscher-Ohlin model

Trade with increasing returns to scale and imperfect competition

Import tariffs and quotas under perfect competition

Import tariffs and quotas under imperfect competition

International agreements

## Important Course Information for Students:

All students are expected to familiarize themselves with the following information, available on the Senate Committee on Curriculum & Academic Standards webpage: <http://www.yorku.ca/secretariat/policies/index-policies.html/>

- York's Academic Honesty Policy and Procedures/Academic Integrity Website
- Ethics Review Process for research involving human participants
- Course requirement accommodation for students with disabilities, including physical, medical, systemic, learning and psychiatric disabilities
- Student Conduct Standards
- Religious Observance Accommodation

## Important Dates

Classes start	Sept. 8
Last date to announce components of final grades	Sept. 21
Fall Reading Week	Oct. 9-15
Last date to submit Fall term work	Dec. 7
Fall classes end	Dec. 7
Fall examinations	Dec. 9-23