

York University
Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies
Department of Economics
Winter 2024

AP/ECON 4129 3.0 M : International Trade Policy and Economic Integration

Course Webpage: <https://eclass.yorku.ca>

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LectureTime and Location:

R 16:00-19:00
ACW 204

Note: there are no classes on the 8th and 15th of February. We will have make up if required

Course Description: Deals with current policy issues in international trade and economic integration, focusing on specific institutional settings such as NAFTA, the European Union, the World Trade Organization, new policy areas such as trade and the environment, trade, and labour rights. Prerequisite: AP/ECON 3150 3.00 or equivalent. Detailed syllabus will be posted on eclass.

Topics:

Ricardian Model of Comparative advantage
Trade and Resources
Tariffs and other Instruments of Protection
Theory and Evidence of Regional and Preferential Trade Agreements

There is term paper (a sort of long essay) where you will be asked to write on a trade topic of relevance. I expect you to link it to the material presented in class so a good grounding in theory will be helpful.

Weighting of Course

40% Term Paper (to be submitted 1 week after final exam)
60% Final (Final Exam period)

Missed exams/Tests:

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 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.

Grading

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.)

Course Text:

Advanced *International Trade : Theory and Evidence*, 2nd Edition Robert C. Feenstra

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
Academic Honesty and Integrity: Conduct that violates the ethical or legal standards of the University community or of one's program or specialization is subject to severe penalties. Students are responsible for understanding the nature and consequences of these offences, as contained in the Senate Policy on Academic Honesty, found on the York University Senate WEB page:
<http://www.yorku.ca/secretariat/policies/document.php?document=69>
- Ethics Review Process for research involving human participants
<http://www.yorku.ca/secretariat/policies/document.php?document=94>
- Course requirement accommodation for students with disabilities, including physical, medical, systemic, learning and psychiatric disabilities
<http://www.yorku.ca/secretariat/policies/document.php?document=68>
- Student Conduct Standards
<http://www.yorku.ca/oscr/standards.html>
- Religious Observance Accommodation
<https://w2prod.sis.yorku.ca/Apps/WebObjects/cdm.woa/wa/regobs>

Important Dates

Last date to announce components of final grades	January 22
Fall Reading Week ¹	
Last date to submit Fall term work	
Fall classes end	
Fall Study Day ²	
Fall examinations ³	
Winter Reading Week ¹	February 17-23
Last date to submit Winter term work	April 8
Winter classes end ⁴	April 8
Winter Study Days ²	April 9
Winter examinations ³	April 10-26
Notes	<p>Good Friday: Friday, March 29, 2024; make-up date on Monday April 8, 2024</p> <p>Eid al-Fitr is expected to begin either at sunset Tuesday April</p>

9, 2024, or
Wednesday
April 10, 2024,
ending in the
evening the
following day

Passover
begins at
sundown
Tuesday, April
22, 2024 and
ends at
nightfall on
Tuesday, April
30, 2024
