# San José State University

**College of Social Sciences/Department of Economics ECON 136, International Economics, Section 1, Fall 2024**

**Course and Contact Information**

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**Office Hours**

In-person Office Hours will be available in my office DMH 138 on campus at SJSU on a first come-first served basis on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 11am and 11:50am.

Bookable (via Google Calendar) Online (via Zoom) Office Hours will be available on a first come-first served basis in 15-minute slots on Wednesdays between 9:45am and 11:45am and again between 1:15pm and 2:30pm. Appointments should be made 24 hours in advance of proposed meeting (I will confirm the meeting by email).

Other days or times are also available by mutual agreement.

**BOOKINGS PAGE** [**https://calendar.google.com/calendar/u/0/appointments/schedules/AcZssZ0EcLqbGCNzH1-8DCd9SpnKAp687iz-iNfXDnQAmD4XVwS-3ne4TArMOXu4KSVyckP7D2jg7YZ-**](https://calendar.google.com/calendar/u/0/appointments/schedules/AcZssZ0EcLqbGCNzH1-8DCd9SpnKAp687iz-iNfXDnQAmD4XVwS-3ne4TArMOXu4KSVyckP7D2jg7YZ-)

**Technology and Online Components**

You must have access to MyEconLab – see instructions for registering with MyEconLab posted on Canvas.

You must have PackBack software to complete PackBack assignments.

## MYSJSU Messaging

Course materials such as syllabus, handouts, notes, assignment instructions, etc. can be found on [Canvas](http://sjsu.instructure.com/) [Leaning Management System course login website](http://sjsu.instructure.com/) at [http://sjsu.instructure.com.](http://sjsu.instructure.com/) You are responsible for regularly checking with the messaging system through [MySJSU](http://my.sjsu.edu/) at [http://my.sjsu.edu](http://my.sjsu.edu/) to learn of any updates.

## Course Description

International trade theory, customs union, tariffs, quota policies. International monetary system balance of payments problems, foreign exchange markets.

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

Analyze the pattern of trade among countries, understand the effect of policies such as tariffs and non-tariff barriers on trade, and understand the role of currency transactions in international trade.

**Course Learning Outcomes (CLO)**

1) Explain the pattern of trade; 2) Understand conflicts and cooperation in international trade; 3) Examine the social welfare impacts of trade policies; 4) Have awareness of trade issues (e.g., “currency manipulation”)

## Required Texts/Readings (Required)

**Textbook**

*International Economics: Theory and Policy* (12th Edition) (Pearson Series in Economics) by Paul R. Krugman, Maurice Obstfeld, Marc Melitz

## Course Requirements and Assignments

Lectures and readings are combined with labs and exams to promote the understanding to international trade theory and policy, and open economy macroeconomics and international finance.

“Success in this course is based on the expectation that students will spend, for each unit of credit, a minimum of 45 hours over the length of the course (normally 3 hours per unit per week with 1 of the hours used for lecture) for instruction or preparation/studying or course related activities including but not limited to internships, labs, clinical practica. Other course structures will have equivalent workload expectations as described in the syllabus.”

**Final Examination or Evaluation**

There will be a mid-term exam scheduled in the Final Exam Period.

## Grading Information

* Course grade based on:
  + 3 equally-weighted exams
    - Mid-term Exam 1
    - Mid-term Exam 2
    - Mid-term Exam 3 (Final Exam)
  + 12 online labs – your grade for labs is based on the 10 highest labs out of 12 (The schedule also includes Lab Zero – a completely ungraded practice lab.)
  + 12 graded PackBack assignments – your grade for PackBack is based on the 10 highest assignments out of 12 (The schedule also includes PackBack Zero – a completely ungraded practice assignment.)

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| **Activity** | **Percent of Final Grade** |
| Exam 1 | 20 |
| Exam 2 | 20 |
| Exam 3 (Final Exam) | 20 |
| Labs (best 10 of 12 graded labs; 2.5% of final grade each) PackBack Assignments (best 10 of 12 graded assignments) | 20  20 |

**Determination of Grades**

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| A+ | 100-97% |
| A | 96-93% |
| A- | 92-90% |
| B+ | 89-87% |
| B | 86-83% |
| B- | 82-80% |

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| C+ | 79-77% |
| C | 76-73% |
| C- | 72-70% |
| D+ | 69-67% |
| D | 66-63% |
| D- | 62-60% |
| F | 59-0% |

## Classroom Protocol

You should attend all lectures.

## University Policies (Required)

Per University Policy S16-9, university-wide policy information relevant to all courses, such as academic integrity, accommodations, etc. will be available on Office of Graduate and Undergraduate Programs’ [Syllabus](http://www.sjsu.edu/gup/syllabusinfo/) [Information web page](http://www.sjsu.edu/gup/syllabusinfo/) at <http://www.sjsu.edu/gup/syllabusinfo/>”

# ECON 136 / International Economics, Fall 2024, Course Schedule

*This schedule is tentative. Changes will be posted to the Canvas website.*

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| Date | Assignment |
| 22-Aug | Introduction to International Economics; Course Administration |
| 23-Aug | PB TOPIC ZERO POSTED; LAB ZERO POSTED |
| 27-Aug | Read KOM 1-2 |
| 29-Aug | Read KOM 3-4 |
| 30-Aug | PB TOPIC ZERO DUE; PB TOPIC 1 POSTED; LAB ZERO DUE; LAB 1 POSTED |
| 3-Sep | Read KOM 5-6 |
| 5-Sep | KOM 5-6 (continued) |
| 6-Sep | PB TOPIC 1 DUE; PB TOPIC 2 POSTED; LAB 1 DUE; LAB 2 POSTED |
| 10-Sep | Read KOM 7 |
| 12-Sep | KOM 7 (continued) |
| 13-Sep | PB TOPIC 2 DUE; PB TOPIC 3 POSTED; LAB 2 DUE; LAB 3 POSTED |
| 17-Sep | Read KOM 8; Last Day to Add Courses & Register Late |
| 19-Sep | KOM 8 (continued) |
| 20-Sep | PB TOPIC 3 DUE; PB TOPIC 4 POSTED; LAB 3 DUE; LAB 4 POSTED |
| 24-Sep | Read KOM 9 |
| 25-Sep | Exam 1 posted by 9am |
| 26-Sep | KOM 9 (continued) |
| 27-Sep | PB TOPIC 4 DUE; PB TOPIC 5 POSTED; LAB 4 DUE; LAB 5 POSTED |
| 30-Sep | Exam 1 Due by 11:59pm |
| 1-Oct | Read KOM 10 |
| 3-Oct | KOM 10 (continued) |
| 4-Oct | PB TOPIC 5 DUE; PB TOPIC 6 POSTED; LAB 5 DUE; LAB 6 POSTED |
| 8-Oct | Read KOM 13 |
| 10-Oct | Read KOM 13 con'd |
| 11-Oct | PB TOPIC 6 DUE; PB TOPIC 7 POSTED; LAB 6 DUE; LAB 7 POSTED |
| 15-Oct | Read KOM 14 |
| 17-Oct | KOM 14 (continued) |
| 18-Oct | PB TOPIC 7 DUE; PB TOPIC 8 POSTED; LAB 7 DUE; LAB 8 POSTED |
| 22-Oct | Read KOM 15 |
| 24-Oct | Read KOM 15 con'd |
| 25-Oct | PB TOPIC 8 DUE; PB TOPIC 9 POSTED; LAB 8 DUE; LAB 9 POSTED |
| 29-Oct | Read KOM 16 |
| 31-Oct | Read KOM 16 con'd |
| 1-Nov | PB TOPIC 9 DUE; PB TOPIC 10 POSTED; LAB 9 DUE; LAB 10 POSTED |
| 5-Nov | Read KOM 17 |
| 6-Nov | Exam 2 posted by 9am |
| 7-Nov | Read KOM 17 con'd |
| 8-Nov | PB TOPIC 10 DUE; PB TOPIC 11 POSTED; LAB 10 DUE; LAB 11 POSTED |
| 11-Nov | Exam 2 due by 11:59pm; Veteran’s Day - Campus Closed |
| 12-Nov | Read KOM 18 |
| 14-Nov | Read KOM 18 con'd |
| 15-Nov | PB TOPIC 11 DUE; PB TOPIC 12 POSTED; LAB 11 DUE; LAB 12 POSTED |
| 19-Nov | Read KOM 19 |
| 21-Nov | Read KOM 19 con'd |
| 22-Nov | PB TOPIC 12 DUE; LAB 12 DUE |
| 26-Nov | PERSONAL HOLIDAY |
| 28-Nov | THANKSGIVING |
| 3-Dec | Read KOM 20 |
| 5-Dec | Read KOM 20 con'd |
| 9-Dec | Last Day of Instruction - Last Day of Classes; Course Summary and Evaluation |
| 11-Dec | Exam 3 (Final Exam) posted by 9am |
| 16-Dec | Exam 3 (Final Exam) due by 11:59pm |

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| KOM = Krugman, Obstfeld, and Melitz | |
| PB = Packback |  |