Econ 161C
International Trade & Commercial Policy

The textbook for the course is


The grade for the course will be based on 4 problem sets (each having a weight of 5%), a mid-term (weight of 30%) and a final exam (weight of 50%). The date for the mid-term examination is the 28th of April. The date for the final examination is Thursday, June 9th, from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. **The final exam will be cumulative.**

Problem sets, lecture outlines, handouts and solutions to problems sets will be posted on the class website. Please check the website frequently. The URL for the course website is [https://eee.uci.edu/11s/62470](https://eee.uci.edu/11s/62470)


I will **NOT** be signing any add/drop cards under any circumstance.

The TA for the course is David Conway. He will be holding weekly discussion sections and office hours.

In the syllabus below, the book chapters are from Krugman and Obstfeld.

**INTERNATIONAL TRADE THEORY**

I. Introduction

1. KO, chapter 1

II. Theory of Comparative Advantage: The Ricardian Model

KO, chapter 3
III. Factor Endowments and Trade (The Heckscher-Ohlin Model)  
KO, chapter 4  

IV. Foreign Outsourcing of Goods and Services  
1. Lecture Notes  

V. Scale Economies, Market Structure, and Trade  
KO, chapter 6  

VI. International Factor Movements  
KO, chapter 7  

COMMERCIAL POLICY  

VII. Instruments of Trade Policy  
KO, chapter 8  

VIII. Preferential Trading Arrangements  
KO, Chapter 9  

IX. The Political Economy of Trade Policy  
1. KO, chapter 9  

X. Controversies in Trade Policy (trade and labor standards, trade and environment)  
1. KO, chapter 11  