The University of Southern Queensland
Course Specification

Description: Global Economics and Trade

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Academic Group: FOBUS
Academic Org: FOB002
HECS Band: 2
ASCED Code: 091901

STAFFING
Examiner: John Searle
Moderator: Glenda Adkins

PRE-REQUISITES
Pre-requisite: ECO1000

SYNOPSIS
National economies, today, cannot function well in isolation from occurrences in other national economies; global interdependence now characterises national and international affairs. In this course, the disciplines of international economics and international trade are enriched by contributions from industrial organisation to explore issues in international trade and investment. Although a good deal of the material in the course has been drawn from Australian experience the views, theories and lessons contained therein can be readily generalised.

OBJECTIVES
Successful completion of this course will enable students to:

- evaluate theories of international economics and of international trade;
- use theory as a basis for prediction and economic reasoning to explore issues in international economics and trade;
- incorporate the relevant concepts and analytical approaches from the strands of international economics, international trade and industrial organisation in exploring contemporary international economics issues;
- critically examine, in an economics context, strategies adopted by governments and firms in their international activities;
- analyse and formulate recommendations about Australia's position in the international trading community;
• assess alternative forms of corporate organisation for firms that are internationalising;
• discuss the application of industrial policy and trade policy as these relate to the process of internationalisation of the firm.

TOPIES

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<td>7. Government and corporate strategies for inter-nationalisation</td>
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<td>8. Australia in the international economy: trade growth and economic integration.</td>
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TEXT and MATERIALS required to be PURCHASED or ACCESSED:

Books can be ordered by fax or telephone. For costs and further details use the 'Book Search' facility at http://bookshop.usq.edu.au by entering the author or title of the text.


*revised edition*

REFERENCE MATERIALS

Reference materials are materials that, if accessed by students, may improve their knowledge and understanding of the material in the course and enrich their learning experience.

Other reference materials to be advised.

1995, *Corporate links and foreign direct investment in Asia and the Pacific (particularly chapters 2 & 3)*, Harper Educational, Pymble, New South Wales.

(published in association with the Pacific Trade and Development Conference Secretariat, Australian National University)


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**STUDENT WORKLOAD REQUIREMENTS**

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**ASSESSMENT DETAILS**

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**NOTES:**
- The examination is scheduled to be held in the end-of-semester examination period. Students will be advised of the official examination date after the timetable has been finalised.

**IMPORTANT ASSESSMENT INFORMATION**

1. **Attendance requirements:**
   If you are an International student in Australia it is a requirement of your student visa that you attend all classes at your campus. For all other students, there are no attendance requirements for this course. However, it is the students' responsibility to study all material provided to them or required to be accessed by them to maximise their chance of meeting the objectives of the course and to be informed of course-related activities and administration.

2. **Requirements for students to complete each assessment item satisfactorily:**
   Students will be required to obtain 50% in aggregate for the assignments and the examination.

3. **Penalties for late submission of required work:**
   If students submit assignments after the due date without prior approval then a penalty of 20% of the total marks gained by the student for the assignment may apply for each working day late.
4 Requirements for student to be awarded a passing grade in the course:
To be assured of receiving a passing grade a student must submit all of the
summative assessment items and achieve at least 50% of the available weighted
marks for those items.

5 Method used to combine assessment results to attain final grade:
The final grades for students will be assigned on the basis of the weighted aggregate
of the marks obtained for each of the summative assessment items in the course.

6 Examination information:
This is a closed examination. Candidates are allowed to bring only writing and
drawing instruments and a non programmable calculator into the examination.

7 Examination period when Deferred/Supplementary examinations will be held:
Any Deferred or Supplementary examinations for this course will be held during
the next examination period.

8 University Regulations:
Students should read USQ Regulations 5.1 Definitions, 5.6 Assessment, and 5.10
Academic Misconduct for further information and to avoid actions which might
contravene University Regulations. These regulations can be found at the URL:
http://www.usq.edu.au/SECARIAT/calendar/Part5/ or in the printed version of the
current USQ Handbook. Students should also read The Guide to Policies and
Procedures of the Faculty which can be found at the URL:
version of the current USQ Handbook.

ASSESSMENT NOTES

9 Assignments: (i) The due date for an assignment is the date by which a student
must despatch the assignment to the USQ. The onus is on the student to provide
proof of the despatch date, if requested by the Examiner. (ii) Students must retain
a copy of each item submitted for assessment. This must be produced within five
days if required by the Examiner. (iii) The Examiner may grant an extension of
the due date of an assignment in extenuating circumstances. Students may apply
for an extension through the DEC before the due date or by including an application
with the submitted assignment after the due date. Such applications should be in
writing and include supporting documentary evidence. The authority for granting
extensions rests with the relevant Examiner. (iv) The Examiner will normally only
accept assessments that have been written, typed or printed on paper-based media.
(v) The Examiner will not accept submission of assignments by facsimile. (vi)
Students who do not have regular access to postal services or who are otherwise
disadvantaged by these regulations may be given special consideration. They should
contact the Examiner to negotiate such special arrangements. (vii) In the event that
a due date for an assignment falls on a local public holiday in their area, such as a
Show holiday, the due date for the assignment will be the next day. Students are
to note on the assignment cover the date of the public holiday for the Examiner's
convenience.

10 Course Weightings: Course weightings of topics should not be interpreted as
applying to the number of marks allocated to questions testing those topics in an
examination paper. The examination may test material already tested in assignments.
Deferred Work: Students who, for medical, family/personal, or employment-related reasons, are unable to complete an assignment or to sit for an examination at the scheduled time may apply to defer an assessment in a course. Such a request must be accompanied by appropriate supporting documentation. One of the following temporary grades may be awarded: IDS (Incomplete - Deferred Examination); IDM (Incomplete Deferred Make-up); IDB (Incomplete - Both Deferred Examination and Deferred Make-up).