# Economics 4413 International Trade Fall 2024

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I check my email and respond (if time) exactly twice every weekday. Once in the morning (typically between 9 and 10am, sometimes earlier). There is usually not enough time to respond to all emails during that time, but I will respond in the afternoon. I typically do not check emails at other times or over the weekend, but there are some exceptions such as exam times. We can set up times to Zoom

over the weekend if you give me plenty (2 weeks) of advance notice.

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**Office Hours:** MWF 11:05am 12:05pm

## **Course Description:**

In this course, we will study the theories, policies, and institutions of international trade. We will study these aspects of international trade at a fairly abstract and rigorous level. Although the analysis will be largely graphical in nature, the course materials and lectures will employ some mathematics. Among the issues that will be addressed are: (1) the fundamental determinants of the patterns of trade and the gains from trade; (2) the implications of imperfect competition for trade patterns and welfare; (3) how firms of different sizes and productivities engage in trade; (4)

#### More about email:

Email is not a very efficient mode of communication when it comes to answering in-depth concept, and also administrative-type questions. These are best asked when the whole class can benefit from the response. Time will be given at the beginning of every class for questions please utilize this time if you have any at that time and you have class

during my office hours, then you can email your question along with your official class schedule and we will set up a meeting.

# In-class Group Assignments and Grading of All Group Content:

The material for this class can be very complex and doing problems in class (often in groups with peer-input) has proven to be more beneficial than traditional problem sets and review problems. We will do in-class problems almost every week.

For more information, see the <u>classroom behavior policy</u>, the <u>Student Code of Conduct</u>, and <u>Speany StreSpan</u> &MCID 11/ Mur ul(one <u>Institutional Equity and Compliance</u>.

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communicate the need for a religious accommodation in a timely manner. In this class, let me know if you have any religious obligations, have conflicts with scheduled exams, assignments or required attendance within the first week of class and we will make arrangements.

See the <u>campus policy regarding religious observances</u> for full details.

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