Econ 340
International Economics
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Lecture 0
Course Information

Announcements

• Course time: 8:30 – 9:50 AM
  – Thus NOT "Michigan Time" of course

Course Organization

• Syllabus
  – Textbook: Gerber 7th ed. (OK to use 6th ed. or earlier)
  – Readings:
    • All but textbook are from web or Canvas
  – Do reading – both text and other – before class
  – News
  – Exams: 2 midterms + final
Course Organization

- Web site
  - Find it through
  - Canvas,
    or
  - Google “Deardorff”

Course Organization

- My Office Hours:
  - Hours:
    - Mondays 10:00 - 11:00 AM (after class
    - Thursdays 2:30 - 3:30 PM
  - 3314 Weill Hall
    - Ford School of Public Policy (Here)
  - GSI Office Hours (TBA)

Course Organization

- Exam Information
  - Dates:
    - Wed Oct 24 in class
    - Mon Nov 19 in class
    - Thu Dec 20 8-10 AM
      - Last day of exam week.
      - Drop course if you won’t be here
  - Instructions for exams
  - Links to old exams
  - Results of exams
Course Organization

• Attendance
  – Required, in the sense that some material for exams may only be mentioned in class and not appear in readings or on slides
  – Otherwise it’s up to you
  – Please don’t
    • Arrive late or leave early without good reason
    • Sleep in class

• Clickers
  – Bring a clicker to class
  – I will ask questions occasionally in class for you to respond to with your clicker
  – I will be using these to take attendance
    • But attendance is not required
    • I will use attendance to give a small amount of extra credit

• News
  – How we’ll use
    • Weekly discussion
    • Three news items assigned each week
    • Included on exams
  – Your responsibility: Keep up with international economic news
    • Subscriptions available online for
      – Wall Street Journal
      – Economist
      – Financial Times
  – Also see my link to “All”
Course Organization

• Q&A
  – Feel free to email me with questions
  – I will post questions and answers online (without your name)
  – Useful to check these before exams

Course Organization

• Questions on Readings
  – For each reading outside textbook:
    • Several questions – usually 3
    • These are guides to what I want you to learn, in addition to what I say about them in class
    • Exam questions on the readings will mostly come from these questions
    • I don’t post answers to these, because I want you to do the readings and find the answers there

Course Organization

• Study Questions
  – Available for each lecture
  – Format is same as exams
    • Part multiple choice
    • Part short answer
  – Some exam questions will come directly from these. Others will be similar to them
  – Answers posted about a week after the questions
  – Don’t wait to use them!
Course Organization

- Other items on course homepage:
  - Lecture slides, before & after
  - Curves from prior terms
    - Not representative of how I now plan to grade
  - Glossary of International Economics
  - Honors assignment
  - Questionnaire and results
  - Podcast: Trade Talks
  - Useful links

Next Time

- Overview of the International Economy
  - "Globalization"
  - Elements of the World Economy
  - Ways that Countries Interact
  - Policies that Affect Others