

Module Code	ECS3015
Module Title	Trade: Theory and Policy
Level	6
Credit	30
Owning Subject	Economics
Level Restrictions	

Aims

This module provides balanced coverage of the key concepts of international trade theory and its policy applications in the world economy. The aims of this module are to develop students' knowledge and analytical tools to explain patterns of trade and specialisation using the classical models such as Ricardo and Heckscher-Olin and the more recent models of monopolistic competition. Students will learn to identify welfare gains from trade and the effects of international trade on income distribution. The module also provides the basis to evaluate key issues in trade policies, the WTO, and trade agreements.

Learning Outcomes

Knowledge

On completion of this module the successful student will be able to:

1. Critically evaluate the classical models of international trade (Ricardo and Heckscher-Olin) as well as the models of monopolistic competition;
2. Analyse the gains from trade and their redistributive effects and explain the concepts of trade surplus / trade deficit and its relation to investment and savings;
3. Analyse the effects of trade policy (tariffs and quotas) in partial equilibrium and general equilibrium.

Skills

This module will call for the successful student to be able to:

4. Select and apply appropriate techniques to solve problems;
5. Apply mathematical, statistical, and graphical techniques in trade models;
6. Communicate effectively and clearly in writing.

Syllabus

- Labour productivity and comparative advantage: the Ricardian model
- Endowment and trade: the Heckscher-Olin model
- Trade, growth, and transfers
- Imperfect competition and international trade
- Geographical concentration of industry and uneven regional development
- International factor movements

- Instruments of trade policy
- The political economy of trade policy
- Bilateral and multilateral agreements in trade policy

Learning, Teaching and Assessment Strategy

The students will have a two-hour lecture (or seminar) per week. The lectures are designed to introduce and develop concepts, theories, and their applications in the world economy. Students will be required to read relevant materials prior to the lecture. Learning will be reinforced by work on review questions and technical problems provided on the web. Students are advised to work in small groups and in private study time. Summative short quizzes of 15 minutes duration will be conducted at regular intervals throughout the year during lecture or seminar sessions. This will form part of the learning and teaching as students will get into the habit of revising their learning materials at bitesize whilst clearing up any doubts about the materials that has been covered with the immediate feedback given to them straight after the quizzes.

Assessment Scheme

Formative assessment

Exercise solutions and queries can be submitted for formative feedback in the form of discussions and comparative examples.

Summative assessment

1. Weeks 3-21: Quizzes once every three weeks, each worth 5%, to assess learning outcomes 1 to 6.
2. A coursework, worth 20%, to be submitted in week 21, involves short answer questions and essay type questions. It is used to assess learning outcomes 3, 4, 5 & 6.
3. A two-hour unseen examination, worth 50%, to ensure students have an overall understanding of the subject matter and the applicability of theories to practice. It is used to assess learning outcomes 1 to 6.

An overall grade of 40% or better is required to pass the module.

Assessment Weighting

Quizzes: 30%; Coursework: 20%; Examination: 50%

Exam Duration

Examination, 2 hours

Learning Materials

Your online reading lists can be accessed from the My Study area of UniHub. They highlight essential and recommended reading for all modules you are registered on.

MODULE RUNS

Module Leader	Future Academic Year	Term	Campus	Part of Term	Start/End Dates	Max Nr of Students
Praveen Kujal	2018/2019	Autumn	HEN-Hendon Campus	AY-Academic Year	12-OCT-18 / 03-MAY-19	199
Praveen Kujal	2019/2020	Autumn	HEN-Hendon Campus	AY-Academic Year	07-OCT-19 / 11-APR-20	199
Praveen Kujal	2020/2021	Autumn	HEN-Hendon Campus	AY-Academic Year	05-OCT-20 / 09-APR-21	199
Praveen Kujal	2021/2022	Autumn	HEN-Hendon Campus	AY-Academic Year	05-OCT-21 / 09-APR-22	199
Praveen Kujal	2022/2023	Autumn	HEN-Hendon Campus	AY-Academic Year	03-OCT-22 / 10-APR-23	199