# Advanced international trade

#### Lecturers

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**Course mnemonic** ECON-S432

ECTS credits 5 credits

Language(s) of instruction English

**Course period** Second term

**Campus** Solbosch

## Course content

This course covers the most important contributions in the field of international trade, both from a theoretical and empirical perspective. This will allow students to learn and think critically about various issues related to globalization that are central to the current policy debate: Why do countries open up their economies to trade? What explains the patterns and volume of trade between countries? What happens when a country increases tariffs or exits a customs union? Which type of firms tend to export? Why multinational firms have become so important? What are the implications of trade for workers and the environment?

# Objectives (and/or specific learning outcomes)

The objective of the course is to present advanced material on trade policy and some selected topics on globalization.

## Pre-requisits and co-requisits

### Required knowledge and skills

A 3rd-year undergraduate course in microeconomics and international trade are necessary.

## Teaching method and learning activities

Interactive lectures and presentations.

## Contribution to the teaching profile

This course contributes to the following objectives:

- > Integrate sustainable development into problem analysis.
- > Identify and apply the relevant analytical tools and scientific knowledge to analyse an economic problem in depth.

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- > Identify and analyse an issue using the relevant analytical tools and methods.
- > Display critical thinking and develop autonomous learning strategies and techniques.

# References, bibliography and recommended reading

A list of relevant academic papers will be distributed in class.

Course notes Université virtuelle

# Other information

# Place(s) of teaching

Solbosch

### Contact(s)

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## Evaluation method(s)

Other, written examination and Practice work

## Evaluation method(s) (additional information)

Closed-book written exam and empirical assignments (based on real-world data).

# Determination of the mark (including the weighting of partial marks)

Final grade based on closed-book written exam and the 2 empirical assignments, which account for 40% (if students choose to submit).

## Main language(s) of evaluation

English

## Programmes

### Programmes proposing this course at the Solvay Brussels School of Economics and Management

MA-ECOE | Master in Economics : Econometrics | finalité Research in Economics/unit 2 and finalité Research in Economics and statistics/ unit 2 **and** MA-ECON | **Master in Economics : General** | finalité Business Economics/unit 1, finalité Business Economics/unit 2 and finalité Economic Governance and Public Policy in Europe/unit 2 Programmes proposing this course at the faculty of Sciences

MA-STAT | Master in Statistics : General | finalité Research General/ unit 2