ECONOMICS 280A
INTERNATIONAL ECONOMICS

Course Requirement:

A three-hour closed-book exam in the final exam period. Prior knowledge of graduate-level micro-
theory necessary for following the class, but no familiarity with international economics is required.

For the topics below a small number of readings, mostly from the textbooks, is cited against each
general topic, but in class some more detailed readings on subtopics, mostly from journals, will be
referred to from time to time. On account of the small number of lectures in the semester in relation
to the vastness of the literature for international economics, there will be no mid-term, but I’d urge
you to follow along with your readings, as I move from topic to topic, and come to my office hours
for discussion, if necessary, instead of leaving all your reading until the final exam time. There will
no problem sets formally, but from time to time I’ll give you problems to solve, and if you have
difficulty with them, I’d encourage you to see me in my office hours.

Textbooks:

In my lectures I shall not follow any particular book. However, selected chapters in the following
textbooks should cover many of the topics to be discussed in class. None of these textbooks is
required.

   (Chapters 2, 3, 5, 7, 14)

   (Chapters 1-5, 7, 9, 10)

   (Chapters 7-8, 11-14)

4. R. Jones and P. Kenen (eds.), Handbook of International Economics, North Holland, Vol. 1,
   paperback. (Chapters 1-4)

5. G. Grossman and K. Rogoff (eds.), Handbook of International Economics, North Holland,
   Vol. 3. (Chapters 24-28)

   MIT Press, 1998. (Chapters 2-8, 11-15, 18, 30, 37)
Suggested Readings on Specific Topics

A. Theory of Comparative Advantage: The Ricardian Model

i. Textbook 6, Chapters 2-4.
ii. Textbook 4, Chapter 1.
iii. Textbook 2, Chapter 1.

B. Factor Endowments and Pattern of Trade and Specialization

i. Textbook 6, Chapters 5-8.
ii. Textbook 4, Chapters 1, 3.
iii. Textbook 5, Chapter 26
iv. Textbook 2, Chapter 2.

C. Trade, Factor Prices and Income Distribution

i. Textbook 4, Chapters 1 and 3.
ii. Textbook 2, Chapters 1-4 and 9.
iii. Textbook 5, Chapter 28

D. Scale Economies, Product Differentiation, Market Imperfections and Trade Patterns

i. Textbook 3, Part III.
ii. Textbook 1, Chapters 2, 3, 5, 7 and 14.
iii. Dixit and Norman, Theory of International Trade, Chapter 9.
iv. Textbook 6, Chapter 11.
v. Textbook 2, Chapter 5.

E. Economic Growth and Trade

i. Textbook 4, Chapter 4.
ii. Textbook 6, Chapter 37.
iii. Bardhan and Udry, Development Microeconomics, Chapter 14.
vi. Textbook 5, Chapter 25.
F. Trade, Protection and Economic Welfare

i. Textbook 3, Chapters 7 and 8.
ii. Textbook 6, Chapters 12-15, 18 and 30.
iii. Textbook 4, Chapter 2.
vi. Textbook 2, Chapter 7.
vii. Textbook 5, Chapter 27.