



B.E. International Program

Faculty of Economics, Thammasat University



Course Syllabus

EE459 Seminar in International Trade Theory and Policy

Semester 2/2018 (January 14 – May 12, 2019)

Number of credits: 3 credits (3-0-6)

Lecture Time: Fridays, 14.00 – 17.00 hours

Lecture Venue: Room 203, 2nd floor, Faculty of Economics

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Course Descriptions and Objectives:

An increasingly globalized world implies higher degree of instability and volatility. As a result, the probability of experiencing fluctuation in both international trade and financial markets becomes higher. This course aims at broadening students' insights on the issues related to international economics through various approaches, including a few relevant lectures, class discussion, term paper, and seminars with guest speakers. Particularly, practices of applying analytical frameworks to the current issues and data of both global trade and international finance would enhance students' in-depth analytical skills towards better understanding of the global volatilities. Additionally, the course aims at familiarizing the students in exchanging formal constructive comments on research papers with their peers.

Prerequisite: EE451 and EE452

Course Plans

Weeks 1 (Jan 18): Lecture session: Introduction to research methodology by the lecturer
Discussion session: Overview and brainstorming of international economic issues moderated by the lecturer

Week 2 (Jan 25): Submission of news summary related to international economics and topics of interests in international economics

Week 3 (Feb 1): Development and submission of research proposals and presentations

Week 4 (Feb 8): Development and submission of research proposals and presentations

Week 5 (Feb 15): Submission of revised proposals

Week 6 (Feb 22): Students conducts research under the guidance and supervision of the lecturer

Weeks 7 (March 1): Students' presentation of their research progress report

Weeks 8 (March 8): Mid-term Week (no class)

Week 9 (March 15): Students continues writing-up under the guidance and supervision of the lecturer

Week 10 (March 22): Students continues writing-up under the guidance and supervision of the lecturer

Week 11 (March 29): Students' presentation of their first draft

Weeks 12 (Apr 5): Students' presentation of their first draft

Week 13 (Apr 19): Students continues writing-up under the guidance and supervision of the lecturer

Week 14 (Apr 26): Students continues writing-up under the guidance and supervision of the lecturer

Week 15 (May 3): Submission of final seminal paper in printed version and CD version.

*** All papers must be submitted no later than 14.00 hrs in class***

Final seminal paper presentations

Week 16 (May 10): Final seminal paper presentations

Useful References

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Evaluation Methods

News summary report	10%
Research proposal and presentation	10%
Progress report and presentation	10%
First draft of the seminal paper and presentation	20%
Final seminal paper	50%

Guidelines

Research proposal- contains mainly the topic of interest, importance of the research, objectives, methodology, types and sources of data and review of the literature.

First draft of the seminal paper– as a preparation toward developing individual’s final paper, the student has to write a 5-page draft which describes the background, literature review, overview of research methodology and the preliminary result of his/her research paper. The student has to present the summary in class in order to share and discuss main contents of this proposed

Final seminal paper –The final paper is an individual work and should not be longer than 100 pages, double-space, excluding tables and figures, appendices; it should contain only the main points and written succinctly. The extensive uses of supporting factual evidences, statistical analyses in the paper will carry extra credits.

ACADEMIC CALENDAR & HOLIDAY

Semester 2/2018
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Activities	Time Period
Pre- Registration period (Via BE Portal)	October 29 - November 1, 2018
Registration period (www.reg.tu.ac.th)	November 20 - 23, 2018
Tuition payment period	November 20 - 26, 2018
Classes Begin	January 14, 2019
Adding and Dropping Courses W/O Record	January 14 - 28, 2019
Payment	January 14 - 29, 2019
<i>Makha Bucha Day*</i>	<i>February 19, 2019</i>
Mid-term Examination Period	March 4 - 9, 2019
Course Withdrawal With "W"	March 20 - 25, 2019
<i>Chakri Memorial Day*</i>	<i>April 6, 2019</i>
<i>Substitution for Chakri Memorial Day*</i>	<i>April 8, 2019</i>
<i>Songkran Festival Day*</i>	<i>April 12 - 18, 2019</i>
Last Day of Classes	May 12, 2019
Final Examination Period	May 13 - 17, 21 - 30, 2019

* Holiday, No classes during this period