This course models international trade and economic growth as outcomes of the interaction of economic and political processes.

Students will be expected to work through the assigned reading before the class period in which it is discussed. The course grade will be based on a final exam, a class presentation, and two papers. The first paper will be a critical review of a paper selected from the reading list; the class presentation is to be based on that critical review. The second paper is to reflect original work either extending one of the models on the reading list or building something entirely new. More detailed instructions will be given in class.

Grading:
Final exam 40%
Each paper 25%
Presentation 10%

READING LIST

I. TRADE AND GROWTH

Exogenous Technology: JEA 1/17, 1/19


Endogenous Technology: JEA 1/24

R. Findlay, Factor Proportions, Trade, and Growth, MIT Press, 1995, Chapters 3 and 4, pp. 69-120.
Empirical Investigations of Openness and Growth: DWM 1/26


II. BASIC MODELS OF POLICY-MAKING

Median Voter Models: DWM 1/31, 2/2


Lobbies as Principals, Government as Agent: DWM 2/7, 2/9, 2/14


Government as Principal, Bureaucrats as Agents: DWM 2/16

Political Competition: DWM 2/21, 2/23


Micro-political Foundations: JEA 2/28


III. TRADE AGREEMENTS

Bilateral Agreements: DWM 3/2


Multilateral Frameworks: JEA 3/14, 3/16


Anti-Dumping


V. MULTINATIONALS  JEA 3/30


VI. FACTOR FLOWS: FDI AND IMMIGRATION  DWM 4/4, JEA 4/6


VII. INFORMATION AND TRADE  DWM 4/11


VIII. SUNK COSTS AND TRADE  JEA 4/18, 4/20


IX. INSECURITY AND TRADE  DWM 4/25


X. ENDOGENOUS JURISDICTIONS  JEA 4/27
