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Required Texts:

- **International Economics**, 7th Edition
Paul Krugman & Maurice Obstfeld -
- *Wall Street Journal*-all RU business students have free access to the WSJ and to the online WSJ.com.
- **Making Globalization Work** by Joseph Stiglitz
- A 15 week subscription to **the Economist** which will be ordered by Dr. Gartland. Each student will need to reimburse him.

Recommended Reading:

- International business is a dynamic activity. I strongly encourage you to read one or more of the following magazines/newspapers to get a sense of current issues in this field.
- *Financial Times* (daily newspaper from England): ft.com (see me for student subscription information)
- *International Herald Tribune*: iht.com (free registration on-line; library subscribes)

Computer Expectations:

- You will need access to the internet, email, and Adobe Acrobat Reader (a free download @ adobe.com). We will also be using WebCT

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Course Evaluation:

Exam 1:	25%
Exam 2:	25%
Final Exam:	25%
<u>Homework</u>	<u>25%</u>

Grading Scale:

93-100	A
90-92	A-
87-89	B+
83-86	B
80-82	B-
77-79	C+
73-76	C
70-72	C-
60-69	D

Assignments:

- *Exams:* The exams will be a mix of objective, essay, and short answer questions. All study questions can be found at the end of each chapter plus the homework questions I give.
- *Weekly articles from Economist:* Each Tuesday, several articles will be assigned from that week's Economist to be discussed in class (nothing needs to be written).

- *Homework Problems:* All students will complete weekly homework assignments from the Krugman book.

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Rigor:

- “A” level work will reflect superior performance, well above the quality of the other students. “B” work will be above average but not outstanding. “C” work will reflect an adequate understanding of the material.

Attendance:

- Class participation and attendance is important. Students who are absent during more than 10% of the class will have their final course grade reduced by at least one full letter. For example, if the class meets 30 times, then only three absences are permitted without penalty. The only exceptions are for University sanctioned events, where your professor receives an email from the sponsor, or for personal emergencies.

Participation and articles:

- Each week, the students will be assigned to read articles from The Economist. The Professor will randomly call on students. If a student is unprepared, the Professor reserves the right to lower their final course grade by 2 full percentage points for each infraction.

ADA Statement:

- RU official policy: “Rockhurst University is committed to providing reasonable accommodations for students with disabilities. Please contact Sandy Waddell, Director, Access Office (Massman Hall Room 7, (816) 501-4689, sandy.waddell@rockhurst.edu) to provide documentation and request accommodations. If accommodations have already been approved by the Access Office, please communicate with the instructor of this course regarding these arrangements by the second week of class in order to coordinate receipt of services.”

Student Contact Information:

- RU official policy: “Student contact information must be kept current in order to receive important notices from Rockhurst University. Your contact information is online via your Banner Web account. Please check your local address, local phone number, and emergency contact information on Banner Web and revise as needed. All important University notices will be sent only to your RU email address. Please check your RU email account in addition to any other email accounts you may have. Accounts are activated at the Computer Services Help Desk (Conway 413).”

Academic Honesty Policy:

- Plagiarism and cheating will not be tolerated. The Rockhurst University Catalog provides examples of academic dishonesty and outlines the procedures, penalties, and due process accorded students involved in academic dishonesty. All infractions will be immediately referred to the Dean's office. Infractions may result in a failing grade for the assignment or the entire course. In your research paper, make sure you provide citations for all ideas and information that are not your own.

Tentative Course Schedule:

	Tuesday	Thursday
Jan 23 & 24	Syllabus	Krugman Ch 1-2
Jan 29 & 31		Krugman Ch 3/Intermediate Econ Methodology
Feb 5 & 7		
Feb 12 & 14	Krugman Ch 4 Stiglitz Ch 2	
Feb 19 & 21	Krugman Ch 5 Stiglitz Ch 3	
Feb 26 & 28	Exam 1	
Mar 4 & 6	Krugman Ch 6	
Mar 11 & 13	Spring Break	Spring Break
Mar 18 & 20	Krugman Ch 7 Stiglitz Ch 5	
Mar 25 & 27	Krugman Ch 8 Stiglitz Ch 6	
Apr 1 & 3	Exam 2	
Apr 8 & 10	Krugman Ch 12	
Apr 15 & 17	Krugman Ch 9 Stiglitz Ch 8	
Apr 22 & 24	Krugman Ch 10 Stiglitz Ch 9	
Apr 29 & May 1	Krugman Ch 11 Stiglitz Ch 10	
May 6 & 8		FINAL EXAM: Thurs., May 8: 10:30am to 12:30pm