



Sultan Qaboos University  
College of Agricultural and Marine Sciences  
Department Of Natural Resource Economics (NRE)

**Graduate Course  
International Trade  
NREC 6006**

**Course Syllabus**

**INSTRUCTOR**

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**COURSE DESCRIPTION:** The purpose of this course is to provide students with an advanced understanding of the classical and new trade theories as applied to trade in food and agricultural products. Students will be able to use analytical economic tools to analyze current and emerging issues in international trade. They will be exposed to current research in agricultural trade by critically reviewing and presenting journal papers, and by writing a structured term paper in an area covered in the course. In addition to trade theories, the course will cover trade issues as they are discussed and debated in WTO trade negotiations and other international trade arenas (UNCTAD, ITC, etc...)

**GRADE ASSIGNMENT**

1 <sup>st</sup> presentation	15%
2 <sup>nd</sup> Presentation	15%
Term Paper	30%
Final	40%

**RESOURCES**

Textbook : Krugman , Obstfeld and Melitz. International trade: Theory and Policy 10th Edition.  
Handouts and journal articles  
Useful websites (See internet links)

**COURSE OUTLINE**

- I. Introduction to International trade
- II. Ricardian Theory of Comparative advantage
- III. Trade and the specific factor model

- IV. Resources and Trade: The Heckscher-Ohlin Model
- V. The Gravity Model
- VI. The Partial equilibrium Model and trade policies
- VII. Non-Tariff barriers: Concepts and measurements
- VIII. The World Trade Organization and Agriculture
- IX. Regionalism and Multilateralism

<b>Week#</b>	<b>Topics</b>
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5	Resources and Trade: The Heckscher-Ohlin Model
6	The Gravity Model
7	Students' first presentation
8	The Partial equilibrium Model and trade policies
9	Non-Tariff barriers: Concepts and Measurements
10	The World Trade Organization and Agriculture
11	Regionalism and Multilateralism
13	Trade and Food Security
14	Trade and the Environment
15	Students' second presentation
16	Final Exam