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School of Economics and Management

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**NEKN72, Economics: Advanced Trade Theory, 7.5 credits**  
*Nationalekonomi: Avancerad handelsteori, 7,5 högskolepoäng*  
Second Cycle / Avancerad nivå

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### Details of approval

The syllabus was approved by The Board of the Department of Economics on 2011-06-07 and was last revised on 2019-11-05. The revised syllabus applies from 2020-08-31, autumn semester 2020.

### General Information

This is a single subject master course in economics belonging to the 'International and Development Economics' specialisation. The course is optional within a number of master programmes at Lund University.

*Language of instruction:* English

Teaching may be in Swedish if all registered students have a good knowledge of Swedish.

*Main field of studies*

Economics

*Depth of study relative to the degree requirements*

A1N, Second cycle, has only first-cycle course/s as entry requirements

### Learning outcomes

#### Knowledge and understanding

Students shall be able to:

- give an account of the history of economic thought on free trade and some major free trade controversies,
- show a deep understanding of the major trade theories and in particular the implications of imperfect competition, transport costs and heterogeneous firms on international trade,
- explain the limitations of the models at hand and their empirical validation,
- show an understanding of the prediction of bilateral trade flows and how the effects of different policy actions on trade flows may be estimated.

### **Competence and skills**

Students shall be able to reflect independently and critically on a number of arguments concerning trade theories, empirical methods and important free trade controversies. Students shall also be able to communicate and explain their analyses and conclusions clearly and concisely.

### **Judgement and approach**

Students shall have developed the ability to pursue further studies in the subject and should be able to search for and evaluate information with a high degree of independence. Students shall also have developed the ability to individually write a paper at the master level.

### **Course content**

The course deals with the mechanisms behind and the effects of international trade. The course uses an advanced treatment in terms of topics and methodology, qualifying the student to carry out advanced analyses and the study of issues involving international trade. The course begins with an extended analytical treatment of the trade theories dealt with in Trade Theory on intermediate level, where the implications of imperfect competition for international trade are emphasised and further developed. Thereafter, the heterogeneous firm-model, the new economic geography, the political economy of and history of thought on trade policy, as well as results from and methods for qualified critical and independent empirical analyses of international trade flows are introduced.

### **Course design**

1. Teaching: Tuition consists of lectures.

### **Assessment**

1. Examination: Examination consists of a series of home assignments. Other forms of examination may be used to a limited extent.

2. Limitations on the number of examination opportunities: –

The University views plagiarism and other academic dishonesty very seriously, and will take disciplinary action against students for any kind of attempted malpractice in connection with examinations and assessments. Plagiarism is considered to be a very serious academic offence. The penalty that may be imposed for this, and other unfair practices in examinations or assessments, includes suspension from the University for a specified period.

The examiner, in consultation with Disability Support Services, may deviate from the regular form of examination in order to provide a permanently disabled student with a form of examination equivalent to that of a student without a disability.

*Subcourses that are part of this course can be found in an appendix at the end of this document.*

## Grades

Marking scale: Fail, E, D, C, B, A.

1. Grading: Grade (Definition), Points or percentage out of maximum points, Characteristic

A (Excellent), 85–100, A distinguished result that is excellent with regard to theoretical depth, practical relevance, analytical ability and independent thought.

B (Very good), 75–84, A very good result with regard to theoretical depth, practical relevance, analytical ability and independent thought.

C (Good), 65–74, The result is of a good standard with regard to theoretical depth, practical relevance, analytical ability and independent thought.

D (Satisfactory), 55–64, The result is of a satisfactory standard with regard to theoretical depth, practical relevance, analytical ability and independent thought.

E (Sufficient), 50–54, The result satisfies the minimum requirements with regard to theoretical depth, practical relevance, analytical ability and independent thought, but not more.

U (Fail), 0–49, The result does not meet the minimum requirements with regard to theoretical depth, practical relevance, analytical ability and independent thought. Students have to receive a grade of E or higher in order to pass a course.

2. Weighting grades from different parts of the course: –

3. Grading scales for different parts of the course: –

## Entry requirements

Students admitted to the Master programme in Economics and who have taken an intermediate course in trade theory (e.g. NEKH72 "Trade Theory ") are qualified for this course. For other students at least 90 ECTS-credits in economics at the undergraduate level are needed for admission to all master courses in economics. To be admitted to this particular course these credits must include an intermediate course in trade theory (e.g. NEKH72 "Trade Theory ").

## Further information

1. Transitional regulations: This course replaces NEKM44 "Advanced Trade Theory" .

2. Limitations in the period of validity: –

3. Limitations: This course may not be included in the same degree as NEK742 "Trade Theory D" or NEKM44 "Advanced Trade Theory" .

4. Similar courses: –

5. Limitations in renewed examination: –

## Subcourses in NEKN72, Economics: Advanced Trade Theory

Applies from V12

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