

Item 1.2 Change in program structure: joint program with M-ØA in Agribusiness and Food Economics, Master in Economics

Required Courses:			
	ECT S		ECT S
ECN301 Econometrics	10	ECN311 Microeconomics	10
ECN302 Math for Economists	5	ECN320 Macroeconomics	5
ECN305 Research Methods	5	BUS360 Tax and Sustainability	5
ECN306 Econ of Sustainability	5		
Sub-total			45

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ECN380 Energy Mkts & Regs	10
ECN304 Behavioral Econ	10
FORN300 Wind&Hydro Pow	
FORN330 Renewable Energy	
Sub-total	25

BUS326 Fin Econometrics	10
ECN230 International Econ	
BUS315 Corporate Finance	
Other general elective	
Sub-total	25

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EDS285 Food System & Sec	
Other general elective	
Sub-total	15

	ECT S
Thesis	30

Total	120
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**ECN330 Analysis of Economic Integration and Multilateral Trade Liberalization
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Objectives: The course is designed to provide a practical understanding of economic integration and importance of the multilateral trading system (the WTO in particular) as a platform to address issues or voice concerns related to trade in goods and services (with special emphasis on the Agreements on Agriculture, Sanitary and Phytosanitary measures, and Technical Barriers to Trade). Finally, trade policy and agricultural programs in selected importing and exporting countries are discussed in terms of their compliance with WTO Agreements. Specifically, the student is expected to develop:

- A a conceptual framework for understanding the economic implications of regional integration versus the WTO's multilateral trading system; and
- A the ability to assess trade policies and agricultural programs of a country to determine whether such policy is compliant with a country's WTO commitments.

Required Reading Materials:

- A Hoekman & Kostecki, *The Political Economy of the World Trading System*
- A Appleyard and Field (AF), *International Economics*, McGraw-Hill, Inc., latest edition or earlier
- A Supplementary reading packet (SRP) provided electronically
- A Reserve readings – selected chapters provided electronically

Class Meetings and Exam Schedule: There are 10 lecture sessions and three exercise sessions, each expected to last 3 hours, a semester project presentation session, and a final exam review session. The date for the oral portion of the final exam will be arranged by agreement.

Class Meetings: 14.15 – 17.00		Exams		
			Oral	Written
Wednesday	Thursday	Date	To be arranged	Not set: 10-21 Dec
T435	T435	Time	By arrangement	

Overall Course Requirements and Evaluation Criteria: There are about three exercises related to the class lectures/readings to demonstrate competence. A semester project is required over a topic related to trade policy analysis under the WTO multilateral trading system. The exercises require a pass. The semester project must be submitted on the respective deadline and requires a passing grade to qualify for the final exam. For the semester project, students will be divided into working groups to produce a written paper and to make a presentation. (More details will be forthcoming on the project.)

Evaluation Criteria		Grading Scale	
Course activity	Weight toward grade	Number	Letter
Exercises	Pass required, 0%	90-100%	A
Semester project	30%	80-90%	B
Oral defense of project	30%	70-79%	C
Final written exam	40%	60-69%	D
Total	100%	50-59%	E
		< 50%	F