Brief Description
Economics 6421 provides an overview of international trade theory for Ph.D. students in economics. Grades are based on a midterm exam (40%), a final exam (40%), and an in-class presentation of a published research paper from a given list of papers (20%).

Textbook
We are mainly going to discuss scholarly articles in class, so there is no required textbook. However, the following books are recommended, and parts of them are required reading material.

A tentative course outline and reading list is given below. It is more than likely that we won’t be able to talk about all the listed papers; on the other hand, it is also likely that I will add some additional papers to the reading list during the course of the semester.

Course Outline and Reading List
1. Introduction
Discussion of how trade theory relates to class material seen in Advanced Microeconomics.

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2. RICARDIAN THEORY OF COMPARATIVE ADVANTAGE


3. HECKSCHER-OHLIN FACTOR PROPORTIONS THEORY


Suggestion for student presentation:

4. MONOPOLISTIC COMPETITION AND INTRAINDUSTRY TRADE

- HK book, Ch. 2-11.
5. WHO EXPORTS? THEORY AND EVIDENCE


Suggestion for student presentation:


6. INEQUALITY AND TRADE

- Feenstra book, ch. 4.

Suggestion for student presentation:


7. TRADE AND ENVIRONMENT


Suggestion for student presentation:

8. Strategic Trade Policy


Suggestion for student presentation:


9. Political Economy of Trade Protection

- Feenstra book, ch. 9.

Suggestion for student presentation:

10. Theory of Trade Agreements


Suggestion for student presentation:

Class Time

MW 12.30 p.m.-1.45 p.m. in 311 Monteith.

Class Webpage

This syllabus and other class handouts are available at http://web2.uconn.edu/matschke/teaching/6421.htm