

## International Business

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### Course Objectives

- To prepare students for working in an international, complex and dynamic business environment.
- To grasp the foundations of international business by looking at international trade, trade theories and foreign direct investment.
- To understand which interdependent factors influence decision-making in an international context by including the economic, political/legal, cultural, institutional and monetary/fiscal environments.
- To learn how multinational corporations organize their international operations.
- To explore emerging issues in international business, such as issues connected with the climate crisis and international migration.
- To develop skills and make use of introduced analysis tools needed to deal with complex problems and decisions in international business and management.
- To bridge the theory-practice divide through gaining practical insights via case studies.

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### Course Content and Structure

The course is comprised of five sessions (four academic hours each), followed by a sixth session where the final exam takes place.

Throughout the course, a combination of lectures and applied discussions of case studies and/or current events in international business are used to introduce students to the international business environment with its challenges, risks and opportunities. As learning occurs through class discussions, students are expected to attend all the classes for their whole duration. Active in-class contribution in the discussions and group exercises are essential for students to get the full value from the class. Therefore, students are expected to contribute equally to all group-level assignments (e.g. case studies) and display an open, motivated and constructive mindset.

#### **ALL SESSIONS WILL BE HELD ONLINE, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE EXAM SESSION.**

Attendance is expected for the entirety of all class sessions. Students who do not attend 80% of the total class time will automatically receive a negative grade. If students have scheduling conflicts, they must notify the lecturer at least 24 hours in advance. Absences that are not communicated with lecturers before the start of the session will not be excused. Consequently, any missed graded component in the respective session will result in a negative grade.

## Requirements and Grading

Level	Assessment	Percentage
Group	Case Study Analyses (20% each)	40 %
Individual	Short Tests (10% each)	20 %
Individual	Final Exam	40 %
	Maximum:	100 %

For a passing grade students must obtain at least 50 per cent in each category AND at least 60 per cent of the total points. The final grade will be calculated according to the following formula: 0-59.5 (5); 60-69.5 (4); 70-79.5 (3); 80-89.5 (2); 90-100 (1).

Students who do not reach a passing grade on the final exam will be given a second opportunity. Please note that students must be present and write the initial final exam to be given the opportunity to write the second opportunity.

## Planned Dates and Times

Date	Time	Room	Topic
Mo. 08.03.2021	13:45-17:00	Zoom	Introduction to IB; Working in multi-cultural teams
Mo. 15.03.2021	13:45-17:00	Zoom	The International Environment
Mo. 22.03.2021	13:45-17:00	Zoom	International Trade, Trade Theories & Foreign Direct Investment
Mo. 12.04.2010	13:45-17:00	Zoom	The Multinational Corporation & International Competitiveness
Mo. 19.04.2021	13:45-17:00	Zoom	Stakeholder Analysis, Corporate Social Responsibility & Emerging Issues in IB
Mo. 26.04.2021	13:45-15:15	TBA	Final Exam
To be arranged when necessary			Final Exam - Second Opportunity

(please check KUSSS for final times and rooms)

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## Discipline Rules

As an academic institution, the Department of International Management does not tolerate any form of academic dishonesty. Plagiarism encompasses presenting as one's own the words, work, opinions, or factual information of someone else without giving that person credit, as well as borrowing the sequence of ideas, the arrangement of material, or the pattern of thought of someone else without proper acknowledgement. All discovered instances will result in an immediate decrease in grade of the assignment or exam. In severe cases, this may result in a failing grade for the assignment or exam. In addition, there will be an automatic decrease in overall grade. Consequently, this may result in the failure of the course. In the case of group work, the consequences will be extended to the entire team. For details see our code of conduct at [www.jku.at/iim](http://www.jku.at/iim).

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## Moodle Support

We offer a reading package containing all preparatory readings and the case studies for this course. Students are *expected to read the texts for each session in advance*. The reading package can be accessed on the Moodle course website prior to the beginning of the course.

**Please note that there are preparatory readings already for the first course session.**

Points and grades will be posted in Moodle. Please also submit your assignments via Moodle.

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## Sustainability Policy

As a department that strives to promote environmental sustainability, we encourage you to consider the environment and refrain from printing the readings on Moodle.

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## Contact

In case of changes to the schedule or other important correspondence concerning the course, emails will be sent out via the KUSSS-system. Therefore, please ensure that your email address in the KUSSS-System is one that you are checking on a regular basis.

For questions or problems please contact:  
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