

AGRI40015 Agricultural Policies and Trade

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| Credit Points: | 12.50 |
| Level: | 4 (Undergraduate) |
| Dates & Locations: | 2011, Parkville This subject commences in the following study period/s: Semester 2, Parkville - Taught on campus. |
| Time Commitment: | Contact Hours: Twenty-four lectures and 11 hours tutorials Total Time Commitment: Not available |
| Prerequisites: | 207-101 Land, Food and Resource Economics or 316-102 Introductory Microeconomics, and 208-306 Agricultural Marketing. Consent from the subject coordinator is required for students not enrolled in honours. |
| Corequisites: | Nil |
| Recommended Background Knowledge: | Nil |
| Non Allowed Subjects: | Nil |
| Core Participation Requirements: | For the purposes of considering request for Reasonable Adjustments under the Disability Standards for Education (Cwth 2005), and Students Experiencing Academic Disadvantage Policy, academic requirements for this subject are articulated in the Subject Description, Subject Objectives, Generic Skills and Assessment Requirements of this entry. The University is dedicated to provide support to those with special requirements. Further details on the disability support scheme can be found at the Disability Liaison Unit website: http://www.services.unimelb.edu.au/disability/ |
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| Subject Overview: | The subject covers the following topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the reasons for government intervention in the agricultural sector; • the principal agricultural policy issues in Australia, the European Union, the United States and East Asia; • the effects of these policies on international trade in agricultural and food products, on world food security and on poverty reduction in the least-developed countries; • agriculture in the WTO – the Doha Round negotiations. |
| Objectives: | On successful completion of this subject students should be able to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • explain the reasons for government intervention in the agri-food sectors of several countries, including Australia, and identify the policy objectives being pursued; • critically analyse the economic effects, including the trade effects, of the policy instruments employed; • describe and analyse the limitations of applied welfare economics in guiding public policy; • critically analyse the issue of world food security; • synthesise the current policy issues in the agri-food sectors of the world economy such as trade policies and the stability of commodity and food prices, and trade and food safety; • explain the position of agriculture in the WTO; and • critically appraise the current proposals under negotiation in the WTO. |

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| Assessment: | A 2-hour end-of-semester examination (60%), a mid-semester test (20%) and one assignment of up to 2000 words (20%). |
| Prescribed Texts: | There is no textbook for this subject |
| Breadth Options: | This subject is not available as a breadth subject. |
| Fees Information: | Subject EFTSL, Level, Discipline & Census Date, http://enrolment.unimelb.edu.au/fees |
| Generic Skills: | Information Not Available |
| Related Course(s): | Bachelor of Agricultural Science (Honours) Master of Agribusiness (Coursework) Master of Development Studies (Gender & Development) Master of Development Studies(CWT) |
| Related Majors/Minors/ Specialisations: | Development Studies Development Studies Development Studies |