

AGRI40015 Agricultural Policies and Trade

Credit Points:	12.5
Level:	4 (Undergraduate)
Dates & Locations:	This subject is not offered in 2015.
Time Commitment:	Contact Hours: Twenty-four lectures and 11 hours tutorials Total Time Commitment: 170 hours
Prerequisites:	Consent from the subject coordinator is required for enrolment in this subject. Please contact Associate Professor Donald MacLaren, d.maclaren@unimelb.edu.au (mailto:d.maclaren@unimelb.edu.au)
Corequisites:	None
Recommended Background Knowledge:	Students are expected to have already taken at least one subject in microeconomics
Non Allowed Subjects:	None
Core Participation Requirements:	<p><p>For the purposes of considering request for Reasonable Adjustments under the Disability Standards for Education (Cwth 2005), and Student Support and Engagement Policy, academic requirements for this subject are articulated in the Subject Overview, Learning Outcomes, Assessment and Generic Skills sections of this entry.</p> <p>It is University policy to take all reasonable steps to minimise the impact of disability upon academic study, and reasonable adjustments will be made to enhance a student's participation in the University's programs. Students who feel their disability may impact on meeting the requirements of this subject are encouraged to discuss this matter with a Faculty Student Adviser and Student Equity and Disability Support: http://services.unimelb.edu.au/disability</p></p>
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Subject Overview:	<p>The subject covers the following topics:</p> <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, China and India; # the effects of these policies on international trade in agricultural and food products, on world food security, on food safety, and on poverty reduction in the least-developed countries; # agriculture in the WTO – the Doha Round negotiations.
Learning Outcomes:	<p>On successful completion of this subject students should be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> # explain the reasons for government intervention in the agri-food sectors of several countries, and identify the policy objectives being pursued; # critically analyse the economic effects, including the trade effects, of the policy instruments employed; # 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 proposals under negotiation in the WTO.

Assessment:	End of Semester Examination (2 hours) - 60%, Mid Semester Test - 20%, and one Assignment of up to 2,000 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):	Master of Agribusiness (Coursework)
Related Majors/Minors/ Specialisations:	150 Point Master of Development Studies 150 Point Master of Development Studies (Gender & Development) 200 Point Master of Development Studies 200 Point Master of Development Studies (Gender & Development) Development Studies Development Studies Development Studies Development Studies Gender and Development Specialisation - 150 Point Program Gender and Development Specialisation - 200 Point Program