

**PubPol/Econ 541
International Trade Policy**

Paper Assignments

All students will be required to prepare and hand in the three written assignments listed below. Each paper should be from three to a maximum of five double-spaced pages of text, including any tables, graphs, and references. The utmost care should be taken in preparing and especially proofreading the assignments before they are handed in, electronically as PDF files, through Canvas. The style for the text and other materials should follow the separate document, “Format Instructions for Papers,” as well as the instructions for the individual papers.

The assignments are due on the dates indicated below, at the start of class (8:30 AM). Late papers will be penalized one-third letter grade for every day (or part of a day) that they are late. The assignments will count for 45% of the final grade for the course – 15% for each paper. All students are encouraged to work together and to share reference materials, to the extent that these are needed. However, papers should be written **in teams of two or three students that I will assign**. Assignments to teams will be different for each of the three papers. Most of you will not work with the same other student more than once. All members of a team will share the same grade for each assignment.

Assignments:

1. **Due Wednesday, October 2, 2024:** Calculate and report the welfare costs of a hypothetical U.S. import quota on sugar, using the model and data provided in the assignment.
2. **Due Wednesday, November 6, 2024:** Calculate and report the effects of an actual trade policy that will be specified, using a model that you deem appropriate and data that you will find yourself. I will give you several sources to draw upon.
3. **Due Wednesday, December 11, 2024:** For a particular country of your choice (but **not** the U.S.), select an actual trade policy and analyze its effects.

Further details of each assignment will be provided. You may want to start thinking now about which country and policy you might focus on for assignment #3, and begin looking for information about it. Once teams for paper #3 are assigned, your team will then be better prepared to choose from those that each of you will have identified. Try not to pick a country for which it will be too hard to get data, including information about its trade policies. Some suggestions of useful sources of data are listed in the Data Sources page under Paper Information on the course website.