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ΠΑΝΕΠΙΣΤΗΜΙΟ ΛΕΥΚΩΣΙΑΣ

University of Nicosia, Cyprus

Course Code LAW-380	Course Title Law of International Trade	ECTS Credits 6
Department Law	Semester Fall/Spring	Prerequisites LAW-202, plus one other from LAW-212, LAW-242 and LAW-252/6
Type of Course Law Elective	Field Law	Language of Instruction English
Level of Course 1 st Cycle	Year of Study 3 rd / 4 th	Lecturer(s) Dr. Stephanie Laulhé Shaelou
Mode of Delivery Face-to-face	Work Placement N/A	Co-requisites None

Objectives of the Course:

This course is designed to introduce students to the legal aspects of international trade and commercial relations. Students are guided through the basics of international trade law and trade organizations, the processes of dispute resolution, international sales contracts and the financing of international trade. The World Trade Organization will be studied in depth, as well as the relationship it maintains with some actors of international trade, including the EU.

Learning Outcomes:

After completion of the course students are expected to be able to:

1. Explain the principles underlying the formation, the development and policies of GATT/WTO and discuss the changes which have taken place in the international organizations and in international trade;
2. Discuss the structure of WTO;
3. Discuss the various sources of international trade law and their effect and relative importance;
4. Appraise the impact of rules on international trade in certain areas;
5. Review the various means and actors of international trade as well as financing;
6. Discuss international trade dispute mechanisms and alternative dispute resolutions;
7. Demonstrate the interrelationship between regional trading blocks and international organizations;
8. Demonstrate knowledge of legal principles and values in a wide range of topics extending beyond the core curriculum.

Course Content:

1. Nature and Sources of international trade
2. The role of states and international organisations in international trade: States; GATT & WTO (history; structure)
3. The concept of free trade: principle of liberalisation of trade; regional integration (including the EU)
4. International Development Law (principles; instruments; disputes at the WTO level)
5. International commercial dispute resolution (jurisdictions; international and European Conventions); the regulation of International Trade and Dispute Settlement Mechanisms
6. Marketing organisations abroad; Standardisation, unification, electronic commerce; the Internal Market (freedom of movement of goods and services)
7. International sales and international regulations (CISG)
8. Finance of international trade and international payment
9. International Commercial Arbitration

Learning Activities and Teaching Methods:

Interactive lectures, tutorials, written examinations and assignments

Assessment Methods:

One written assignment, mid-term exam, final exam

Required Textbooks/Reading:

Authors	Title	Publisher	Year
Lowenfeld A	<i>International economic law</i> (2 nd ed)	OUP	2008
Lester et al	<i>WTO Law</i>	Hart	2008

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Murray et al	<i>Schmitthoff on Export Trade: the law and practice of international trade</i>	Thomson	2007
Jackson, Davey & Skyes	<i>Legal problems of international economic relations</i>	Thomson	2009
French, Saul & White	<i>International law and dispute settlement</i>	Hart	2010
Dalhuisen	<i>Transnational, comparative, commercial, financial and trade law (vol.1 & 2)</i>	Hart	2010
Taylor	<i>International Competition Law: a new dimension for the WTO?</i>		
Fentiman	<i>International commercial litigation</i>	OUP	2008
Dillon S	<i>International Trade and Economic Law and the EU</i>	Hart	2002