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## MODULE DESCRIPTOR

### Module Title

International Trade Law

Reference	LLM233	Version	1
Created	February 2020	SCQF Level	SCQF 11
Approved	May 2020	SCQF Points	15
Amended		ECTS Points	7.5

### Aims of Module

To enable students to attain and master a critical understanding of the significant role of international law in the framework of international trade and global economic systems - globally and regionally.

### Learning Outcomes for Module

On completion of this module, students are expected to be able to:

- 1 Analyse and critically evaluate the role of international law, rules and policies that underscore the workings of international trade.
- 2 Critically appraise the making of international trade organisations and trade-related agreements
- 3 Investigate the workings of the World Trade Organisation historically; examining the relevance of Bretton Woods sister organisations and agreements like the World Bank, GATT and the International Monetary Fund.
- 4 Explore and demonstrate a critical understanding of the aspects of public international law and its influences on international trade
- 5 Examine and demonstrate an in-depth knowledge and understanding of global and regional trade including regional trade-related agreement and organisations.

### Indicative Module Content

Historical perspectives and current examinations on key international trade organisations- World Trade Organisation, the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund, the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development Regional trade and trade-related organisations, and regional trade agreements ? AfCFTA, ECOWAS, European Customs Union, NAFTA or the United States?Mexico?Canada Agreement (USMCA); The Southern Common Market (MERCOSUR for its Spanish initials), ASEAN Free Trade Area (AFTA), etc. Aspects of Public international law (Human rights, environmental law, labour law, international competition policy, international finance law etc.) and its influences on international trade Global trends and international trade, political and economical impacts Investment Arbitration and International trade dispute resolutions mechanisms

**Module Delivery**

Weekly face to face lecture, presentation and case studies.

**Indicative Student Workload**

Full Time      Part Time

Contact Hours

36

36

Non-Contact Hours

114

114

Placement/Work-Based Learning Experience [Notional] Hours

N/A

N/A

TOTAL

150

150

*Actual Placement hours for professional, statutory or regulatory body*

**ASSESSMENT PLAN**

*If a major/minor model is used and box is ticked, % weightings below are indicative only.*

**Component 1**

Type: Coursework      Weighting: 70%      Outcomes Assessed: 1, 3, 4

Description: A summative assessment will comprise one piece of written coursework.

**Component 2**

Type: Coursework      Weighting: 30%      Outcomes Assessed: 2, 5

Description: Project based assessment

**MODULE PERFORMANCE DESCRIPTOR****Explanatory Text**

A student should attain any of the marks below to be awarded the corresponding grade.

Module Grade

Minimum Requirements to achieve Module Grade:

**A**

70%

**B**

60% - 69%

**C**

50% - 59%

**D**

40% - 49%

**E**

35% - 39%

**F**

34%

**NS**

Non-submission of work by published deadline or non-attendance for examination

**Module Requirements**

Prerequisites for Module      None.

Corequisites for module      None.

Precluded Modules      None.

**INDICATIVE BIBLIOGRAPHY**

- 1 Van den Bossche P, and Zdouc W, *The Law And Policy Of The World Trade Organization* (4th edn, Cambridge University Press 2017)
- 2 Bethlehem D and others, *The Oxford Handbook Of International Trade Law* (2nd edn, Oxford Handbooks 2022)