

International Economic Law (B001751)

Course size *(nominal values; actual values may depend on programme)*

Credits 4.0

Study time 120 h

Course offerings and teaching methods in academic year 2023-2024

A (semester 2)

English

Gent

lecture

independent work

Lecturers in academic year 2023-2024

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lecturer-in-charge

Offered in the following programmes in 2023-2024

	crdts	offering
Master of Science in Teaching in Social Sciences(main subject Laws)	4	A
Master of Laws in Laws	4	A
Master of Laws in International and European Law(main subject European Union Law)	4	A
Master of Laws in International and European Law(main subject International Business Law)	4	A
Master of Laws in International and European Law(main subject International and Human Rights Law)	4	A
Master of Laws in International and European Law(main subject International and National Legal Orders)	4	A
Master of Laws in European Union Law	4	A
Master of Laws in International and European Law	4	A
Master of Laws in International Business Law	4	A
Exchange programme in Economics and Business Administration	4	A
Exchange Programme in Law	4	A

Teaching languages

English

Keywords

International Economic law; international investment law; WTO; IMF; International monetary system

Position of the course

The course offers an overview of and introduction to International Economic Law, a subject which usually is not dealt with in undergraduate legal education, certainly not as a mandatory course. The course does not really build on courses dealing with national economic law, which typically deal with a totally different subject matter.

Contents

1. The regulatory framework for international trade: the philosophical- economic foundations; the WTO; regional and bilateral trade agreements.
2. WTO dispute resolution.
3. Selected issues in international trade relations: dumping, intellectual property, environmental concerns, These issues will vary in the light of ongoing trends and developments.
4. International investment law :
 - principles and structure of Bilateral investment treaties
 - standards of behavior for host states; expropriation
 - dispute settlement (mainly ICSID)
5. The International Monetary System, with special attention to the IMF

Initial competences

Sound knowledge of national law; knowledge of basics of public international law

Final competences

- 1 Having knowledge of and insight in the rules and dynamics governing the main traditional areas of international economic law (such as WTO and international investment law)
- 2 Being able to apply the gained knowledge and theoretical insights onto practical cases
- 3 Being aware of the political and economic issues which are important for a good understanding of how international economic law functions in the real world

Conditions for credit contract

Access to this course unit via a credit contract is unrestricted: the student takes into consideration the conditions mentioned in 'Starting Competences'

Conditions for exam contract

This course unit cannot be taken via an exam contract

Teaching methods

Lecture, Independent work

Extra information on the teaching methods

Lectures with student participation (class discussions) based on (occasional) preparatory reading of texts and cases.

Learning materials and price

Slides and course reader on the Ufora platform.

References

- M. Herdegen, *Principles of international economic law*, Oxford, 2016.
- P. Van den Bossche and W. Zdouc, *The law and policy of the World Trade Organization: text, cases and materials*, Cambridge University Press, 2017.
- K.N. Schefer, *International investment law: text, cases and materials*, Northampton, Edward Elgar, 2020.

Course content-related study coaching

Individual coaching can be obtained from the lecturer if required.

Assessment moments

end-of-term assessment

Examination methods in case of periodic assessment during the first examination period

Written assessment

Examination methods in case of periodic assessment during the second examination period

Written assessment

Examination methods in case of permanent assessment**Possibilities of retake in case of permanent assessment**

not applicable

Extra information on the examination methods

Written exam with essay questions and case-based questions

Calculation of the examination mark

100% written exam