



Course Title: WTO and International Trade Law

Course Code:

Credit Units: Four

Level: PG

L	T	P/S	SW/FW	No. of PSDA	TOTAL CREDIT UNITS
2	-	-	4	3	4

Course Objectives:

The primary objective of this course is to understand role of World Trade Organization in promoting international Trade. The course also focuses on rapidly expanding legal system of the World Trade Organization (WTO). The subject also aims to provide a basic insight into the institutional and substantive law of the WTO.

Prerequisites:

The student should have keen interest in understanding the dynamics of International trade and role of WTO in regulating international trade.

Student Learning Outcomes:

After completion of the course student will be

- have understanding of evolution of WTO
- Be familiar with the basic structure of the WTO
- Have understanding of nature and scope of General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) and General Agreement on Trade in Services (GATS)
- Be able to examine the institutions, procedures and principles governing the settlement of international trade dispute

Course Contents/Syllabus:

	Weightage (%)
Module I: Introduction to WTO	15
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• From GATT to the World Trade Organization (WTO) - History, objectives and framework• Principles of WTO- MFN and National Treatment Clause• Multilateral and Plurilateral Agreements	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exceptions to WTO Commitment • Special and Differential Treatment 	
Module II: Overview of trade regulations for Trade in Goods	30
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agreement on the Application Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures • Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade • Agreement on Safeguards • Agreement on Rules of Origin • Anti-dumping Agreement • Agreement on Agriculture • Agreement on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures, • Agreement on Trade Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS) • Agreement on Trade Related Investment Measures (TRIMS) • Information Technology Agreement • Agreement on Trade Facilitation 	
Module III: Regulations for Trade in Services	20
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Objective and Need for GATS • Services covered under GATS • Obligations, Commitment and Schedules under GATS 	
Module IV: Dispute Settlement Mechanism	20
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stages in Dispute Settlement Mechanism • Panel proceedings • Procedure for Appeal • Implementing recommendations of DSB 	
Module V : Doha Round and other emerging Issues	15
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Major issues under Doha Round • Benefits of the Doha Round • Negotiations on e-commerce 	

Pedagogy for Course Delivery:

Tutorials, Interactive sessions, Case studies, Extensive research projects, Seminars

List of Professional Skill Development Activities (PSDA):

1. Select a country and study at least 5 applications / cases related to trade in goods filed by the country to the WTO dispute settlement body. State the agreement and article referred to in the dispute

2. Identify one case where final decision was given by the WTO dispute settlement body. Study the stages of dispute settlement in the entire process.
3. Identify one case of trade in services / FDI / IPR referred to DSB of WTO and analyze how the case was resolved by the DSB of WTO.

Assessment/ Examination Scheme:

Theory L/T (%)	Lab/Practical/Studio (%)	End Term Examination
30	NA	70

Theory Assessment (L&T):

Continuous Assessment/Internal Assessment (70%)					End Term Examination (30%)
Components (Drop down)	HA 1	HA 2	HA 3	Attendance	
Linkage of PSDA with Internal Assessment Component, if any	Linked to PSDA 1	Linked to PSDA 2	Linked to PSDA 3	-	
Weightage (%)	5	10	10	5	

Text

- World Trade Organization, The WTO Agreements, Cambridge University Press, 2017

References:

- Qureshi Asif Hasan, Interpreting WTO agreements: Problems and Perspectives, Cambridge University Press (2012),
- Ezeani Elimma C., (2011), The WTO and its development obligation: prospects for global trade, Anthem Press,
- Das Bhagirath Lal, WTO: The Doha Agenda : The new negotiations on world trade, Zed Books, (2003)

Additional Reading:

- Online references available on WTO website