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International Trade and Finance

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Notice

As part of [Phase 3 of our return to campus plan](#), most units will now run tutorials, seminars and other small group learning activities on campus for the second half-year, while keeping an online version available for those students unable to return or those who choose to continue their studies online.

To check the availability of face-to-face and online activities for your unit, please go to [timetable viewer](#). To check detailed information on unit assessments visit your unit's iLearn space or consult your unit convenor.

General Information

Unit convenor and teaching staff

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10

Prerequisites

(Admission to JD and 80cp in LAW or LAWS units at 6000 level or above) or (admission to LLM or MIntTrdeComLaw)

Corequisites

Co-badged status

LAWS5010

Unit description

The unit introduces students to the principal areas of international trade law and policy, and in particular examines the legal regime governing the international exchange of goods, services, and intellectual property under the WTO. Topics include the WTO dispute settlement system; rules on non-discrimination; rules on market access; rules on unfair trade; preferential trade agreements.

Important Academic Dates

Information about important academic dates including deadlines for withdrawing from units are available at <https://www.mq.edu.au/study/calendar-of-dates>

Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this unit, you will be able to:

ULO1: Critically appraise the scope of various multilateral trade agreements and other legal principles embedded in international trade.

ULO2: Analyse how international trade law impacts on national trading policy and practice, and confronts controversial and pressing issues of trade and finance in the contemporary era of economic globalisation.

ULO3: Evaluate the way economic, political and ethical values shape the development of international regulation and relevant standards.

ULO4: Apply multilateral trade agreements, case law, and soft law to resolve legal problems in international trade law.

General Assessment Information

Quizzes

Two quizzes of each 30 mins. The quizzes comprise multiple-choice questions that are on the content of the compulsory material (i.e. lectures, tutorials/webinars and textbook readings) covered up to the point of the quiz. Both quizzes are equally weighted.

Assignment

The assignment involves a long hypothetical problem question that tests students on a range of topics covered in this unit. It is designed to mimic the type of cases that international trade lawyers face in practice. The problem questions discussed in the tutorials are meant to prepare students for the assignment. More information about the assignment will be provided closer to the date.

Take-Home Exam

The take-home exam involves a shorter hypothetical problem question. The take-home exam is released on November 9 at 9 am and is due by 12 pm on the same day. Late submissions will not be accepted. More information about the take-home exam will be provided closer to the date.

Macquarie Law School Policy on Assessments

Applications for a Special Consideration Policy are made electronically via ask.mq.edu.au and should be accompanied by supporting documentation. Students should refer to the Special Consideration Policy for complete details of the policy and a description of the supporting documentation required.

Word limits will be strictly applied and work above the word limit will not be marked.

All assessments in the unit are to be submitted electronically. Plagiarism detection software is used in this unit.

Moderation Policy

Detailed marking rubrics will be made available on the iLearn unit page. All Fail papers are double marked.

Assessment Tasks

Name	Weighting	Hurdle	Due
Quizzes	20%	No	Quiz 1: Aug 18; Quiz 2: Oct 27
Hypothetical Problem	40%	No	Oct 2
Take-Home Exam	40%	No	Nov 9

Quizzes

Assessment Type ¹: Participatory task

Indicative Time on Task ²: 1 hours

Due: **Quiz 1: Aug 18; Quiz 2: Oct 27**

Weighting: **20%**

In the tutorials/the OCS students will need to complete short quizzes

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- Evaluate the way economic, political and ethical values shape the development of international regulation and relevant standards.

Hypothetical Problem

Assessment Type ¹: Quiz/Test

Indicative Time on Task ²: 41 hours

Due: **Oct 2**

Weighting: **40%**

Students will be required to solve a hypothetical problem.

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Take-Home Exam

Assessment Type ¹: Quiz/Test

Indicative Time on Task ²: 3 hours

Due: **Nov 9**

Weighting: **40%**

Students will be required to solve a hypothetical problem question.

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- Analyse how international trade law impacts on national trading policy and practice, and confronts controversial and pressing issues of trade and finance in the contemporary era of economic globalisation.
- Apply multilateral trade agreements, case law, and soft law to resolve legal problems in international trade law.

¹ If you need help with your assignment, please contact:

- the academic teaching staff in your unit for guidance in understanding or completing this type of assessment
- the [Writing Centre](#) for academic skills support.

² Indicative time-on-task is an estimate of the time required for completion of the assessment task and is subject to individual variation

Delivery and Resources

Delivery

Students are expected to listen to pre-recorded weekly lectures, which are around 2 hrs long. Lectures begin in Week 1 and are available on Echo 360 via the iLearn unit page.

Tutorials/Webinars will commence in Week 1. Students are expected to have prepared for the tutorials/webinars by having listened to the lecture recordings and having solved the weekly problem questions.

Resources

Mandatory textbook:

Peter van den Bossche and Werner Zdouc, *The Law and Policy of the World Trade Organization - Text, Cases and Materials* (4th edn, 2017, Cambridge University Press)

Policies and Procedures

Macquarie University policies and procedures are accessible from [Policy Central](https://staff.mq.edu.au/work/strategy-planning-and-governance/university-policies-and-procedures/policy-central) (<https://staff.mq.edu.au/work/strategy-planning-and-governance/university-policies-and-procedures/policy-central>). Students should be aware of the following policies in particular with regard to Learning and Teaching:

- [Academic Appeals Policy](#)
- [Academic Integrity Policy](#)
- [Academic Progression Policy](#)
- [Assessment Policy](#)
- [Fitness to Practice Procedure](#)
- [Grade Appeal Policy](#)
- [Complaint Management Procedure for Students and Members of the Public](#)
- [Special Consideration Policy](#) (**Note:** *The Special Consideration Policy is effective from 4 December 2017 and replaces the Disruption to Studies Policy.*)

Students seeking more policy resources can visit the [Student Policy Gateway](https://students.mq.edu.au/support/study/student-policy-gateway) (<https://students.mq.edu.au/support/study/student-policy-gateway>). It is your one-stop-shop for the key policies you need to know about throughout your undergraduate student journey.

If you would like to see all the policies relevant to Learning and Teaching visit [Policy Central](https://staff.mq.edu.au/work/strategy-planning-and-governance/university-policies-and-procedures/policy-central) (<https://staff.mq.edu.au/work/strategy-planning-and-governance/university-policies-and-procedures/policy-central>).

Student Code of Conduct

Macquarie University students have a responsibility to be familiar with the Student Code of Conduct: <https://students.mq.edu.au/study/getting-started/student-conduct>

Results

Results published on platform other than [eStudent](#), (eg. iLearn, Coursera etc.) or released directly by your Unit Convenor, are not confirmed as they are subject to final approval by the University. Once approved, final results will be sent to your student email address and will be made available in [eStudent](#). For more information visit [ask.mq.edu.au](#) or if you are a Global MBA student contact globalmba.support@mq.edu.au

Student Support

Macquarie University provides a range of support services for students. For details, visit <http://students.mq.edu.au/support/>

Learning Skills

Learning Skills (mq.edu.au/learningskills) provides academic writing resources and study strategies to help you improve your marks and take control of your study.

- [Getting help with your assignment](#)
- [Workshops](#)
- [StudyWise](#)
- [Academic Integrity Module](#)

The Library provides online and face to face support to help you find and use relevant information resources.

- [Subject and Research Guides](#)
- [Ask a Librarian](#)

Student Services and Support

Students with a disability are encouraged to contact the [Disability Service](#) who can provide appropriate help with any issues that arise during their studies.

Student Enquiries

For all student enquiries, visit Student Connect at [ask.mq.edu.au](#)

If you are a Global MBA student contact globalmba.support@mq.edu.au

IT Help

For help with University computer systems and technology, visit http://www.mq.edu.au/about_us/offices_and_units/information_technology/help/.

When using the University's IT, you must adhere to the [Acceptable Use of IT Resources Policy](#). The policy applies to all who connect to the MQ network including students.