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Session 2 Learning and Teaching Update

The decision has been made to conduct study online for the remainder of Session 2 for all units WITHOUT mandatory on-campus learning activities. Exams for Session 2 will also be online where possible to do so.

This is due to the extension of the lockdown orders and to provide certainty around arrangements for the remainder of Session 2. We hope to return to campus beyond Session 2 as soon as it is safe and appropriate to do so.

Some classes/teaching activities cannot be moved online and must be taught on campus. You should already know if you are in one of these classes/teaching activities and your unit convenor will provide you with more information via iLearn. If you want to confirm, see the list of [units with mandatory on-campus classes/teaching activities](#).

Visit the [MQ COVID-19 information page](#) for more detail.

General Information

Unit convenor and teaching staff

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Credit points

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

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 30 mins each. The quizzes comprise multiple-choice questions that are on the content of the compulsory material covered up to the point of the quiz. Both quizzes are equally weighted.

Hypothetical problem assignment

The assignment involves a 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. More information about the assignment will be provided closer to the date.

Take-Home Exam

The take-home exam can include a range of short answer theoretical and problem questions, covering any topic from the entire semester. The take-home exam is released on the exam date 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.

Assessment submissions

The convenor cannot provide extensions for assessments. Any extension request must be made as an Application for a Special Consideration 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. Students with pre-existing health conditions need to register with Student Wellbeing in order to receive reasonable assessment adjustments.

Unless a Special Consideration request has been submitted and approved,

(a) a penalty for lateness will apply – 10 marks out of 100 credit will be deducted per day for assignments submitted after the due date – and

(b) no assignment will be accepted seven days (incl. weekends) after the original submission deadline.

No late submissions will be accepted for timed assessments – i.e. quizzes and take-home exams.

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	22/08/2021; 24/10/2021
Hypothetical Problem	40%	No	3/10/2021
Take-Home Exam	40%	No	14/11/2021

Quizzes

Assessment Type ¹: Participatory task

Indicative Time on Task ²: 1 hours

Due: **22/08/2021; 24/10/2021**

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: **3/10/2021**

Weighting: **40%**

Students will be required to solve a hypothetical problem.

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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.

Take-Home Exam

Assessment Type ¹: Quiz/Test

Indicative Time on Task ²: 3 hours

Due: **14/11/2021**

Weighting: **40%**

Students will be required to solve a hypothetical problem question.

On successful completion you will be able to:

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- 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 [Learning Skills Unit](#) 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

Required 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)

Unit Schedule

Topic list and tutorial exercises will be available for each week in iLearn.

Policies and Procedures

Macquarie University policies and procedures are accessible from [Policy Central \(https://policies.mq.edu.au\)](https://policies.mq.edu.au). 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](#)

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

To find other policies relating to Teaching and Learning, visit [Policy Central \(https://policies.mq.edu.au\)](https://policies.mq.edu.au) and use the [search tool](#).

Student Code of Conduct

Macquarie University students have a responsibility to be familiar with the Student Code of Conduct: <https://students.mq.edu.au/admin/other-resources/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 Enquiry Service

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

Equity 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.

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.