

**INTERNATIONAL TRADE LAW AND REGULATION**  
**LAW 253 (R01)**  
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**Course schedule/meeting times:**

Monday and Wednesday 6:05-7:30 PM

**Office hours:** by appointment

**Required texts:**

International Trade Law, Joost Pauwelyn, Andrew Guzman & Jennifer Hillman (3rd edition)

**Course overview/description:**

This course focuses on the law governing international trade, including both the law established by the World Trade Organization and relevant U.S. laws. This will include an in-depth analysis of the treaties, regulations, and case law that govern international trade. The course will also examine the political economy of international trade relations, including how economic and political forces have shaped current regulatory policies and may shape future policies.

**Learning outcomes:**

By the end of the course, students will understand the basic principles of international trade law as well as relevant law in different substantive areas, including tariffs, intellectual property, trade in services, trade remedies and technical standards.

**Basis of evaluation & assessments:**

Grades for this class will be based on a final exam, which will be open book and will consist of two essay questions. I reserve the right to adjust your grade up or down for extremely good or extremely poor class participation.

**Instructor expectations:** This class includes a great deal of discussion. Students are expected to arrive to each class prepared to discuss the assigned material. If you do not feel ready to participate on a given day, please send me an email by 12:00 p.m. to let me know.

**Feedback:** I welcome constructive feedback via email at any time.

**Attendance:** This course adheres to the law school's attendance policy. Regular and punctual attendance are required to earn academic credit. Should circumstances occur where you anticipate the possibility of missing a substantial number of class sessions (e.g. a serious illness), you should immediately contact the Assistant Dean, Student Academic Affairs.

**Class recordings prohibited:** Pursuant to Academic Regulation 4-2.2, no portion of a class session or an examination may be preserved by means of a recording device such as an audio recording device or camera. Any exceptions to this policy must be expressly permitted in writing by me.

**COVID instructional contingency plan:** Any adjustment to teaching brought about as result of the Covid health emergency will be handled consistently with university policy.

**COVID health & safety requirements:** Please note that under current University health and safety protocols, face coverings and social distancing are required for all persons on campus. Please refer to the most up-to-date University policies here.

**Exam conflicts:** In accordance with Academic Regulation 4-4.1, excuses and requests for permission not to sit for an examination when scheduled must be presented, with appropriate documentation, to the Assistant Dean, Student Academic Affairs. Except in emergencies, such requests should be presented no later than two weeks before the date of the examination.

**Academic integrity:** It is expected that students adhere to the Antonin Scalia Law School Honor Code. The Honor Code prohibits lying, cheating, or stealing. This includes a student obligation to never represent the work of another as their own, and to never provide or accept unauthorized assistance on any school related assignment. The Honor Code is available here: <https://sls.gmu.edu/honor/>.

**Classroom Accommodations:** Disability Services at George Mason University is committed to providing equitable access to learning opportunities for all students by upholding laws that ensure equal treatment of people with disabilities. If you are seeking accommodations for this class, please visit <https://ds.gmu.edu/> for detailed information about the Disabilities Registration Process. Faculty may not receive or respond to requests for an accommodation. All requests must be handled by the office of Disability Services. You may contact Disability Services directly via email at [ods@gmu.edu](mailto:ods@gmu.edu) or phone at (703) 993-2474. If you have any questions about how in-class or testing accommodations are implemented at the law school, please contact the Assistant Dean, Student Academic Affairs for more information.

**Assignments:**

*The assigned page numbers are from the Pauwelyn, Guzman and Hillman book. The assignments are tentative and will be updated throughout the semester.*

Class	Topic	Reading
1 & 2	Introduction: Trade & Economic Policy	1-6 22-33 35-46
3	The WTO: WTO Overview	83-85 105-119
4	The WTO: Dispute Settlement	127-147
5	Trade in the U.S. System	55-63 70-74
6	Basic Rules: Tariffs	181-185 196-209
7	Basic Rules: Quantitative Restrictions	219-236

8	Basic Rules: National Treatment – Internal Taxation	253-269
9	Basic Rules: National Treatment – Internal Regulations	283-299 304-314
10	Basic Rules: Most Favored Nation Treatment	323-332 334-339
11	Exceptions to the Rules: Preferential Trade Agreements	353-367
12	Exceptions to the Rules: GATT Article XX	381-388 399-401
13	Exceptions to the Rules: The Chapeau of GATT Article XX	409-412 419-438