

INTERNATIONAL TRADE LAW AND REGULATION
LAW 253 (001)
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Course schedule/meeting times:

Thursday 6:05-9:00 PM

Office hours: Wednesday 1:00-2:00PM or by appointment (Hazel Hall 440E)

Required texts:

International Trade Law, Joost Pauwelyn, Andrew Guzman & Jennifer Hillman (3rd edition);
Supplementary materials will be posted on TWEN.

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. The last module of the course will discuss international investment treaties and related dispute settlement.

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, trade and investment.

Basis of evaluation & assessments:

Class attendance and participation (10%)
In-class group exercises (20%)
Final exam (70%)

Instructor expectations: This class requires a high level of participation and features in-class group exercises in most sessions. 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.

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 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. Additional materials, as indicated, can be found on TWEN. The assignments are tentative and will be updated throughout the semester.

Class	Topic	Reading
1	Introduction: Trade & Economic Policy	1-6 22-33 35-46
2	Trade in the U.S. System & WTO Overview	55-63 70-74 83-85 105-119 <i>See</i> TWEN
3	WTO Dispute Settlement	127-147 <i>See</i> TWEN
4	Tariffs & Quantitative Restrictions	181-185 196-209 219-236 <i>See</i> TWEN
5	National Treatment	253-269

		283-299 304-314 <i>See</i> TWEN
6	Most Favored Nation Treatment & Preferential Trade Agreements	323-332 334-339 353-367 <i>See</i> TWEN
7	Exceptions to the Rules: GATT Article XX	381-388 409-412 419-438 <i>See</i> TWEN
8	Trade Remedies: Anti-Dumping	457-477 496-501 <i>See</i> TWEN
9	Trade Remedies: Subsidies, Countervailing Duties, and Safeguards	503-524 551-565 <i>See</i> TWEN
10	Other Agreements: The SPS & TBT Agreements	581-601 619-630 642-647 <i>See</i> TWEN
11	Other Agreements: The GATS & TRIPS Agreements	661-665 677-689 701-714 <i>See</i> TWEN
12	Trade and Investment: Substantive Provisions	<i>See</i> TWEN
13	Trade and Investment: Dispute Settlement	<i>See</i> TWEN