

## INTR 806.3 International Trade Law

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### CALENDAR DESCRIPTION

This course examines the law of international trade in goods and services, focusing principally on the law of the World Trade Organization and, to a lesser degree, the North American Free Trade Agreement. These agreements are part of a specialized sector of international law focused on liberalizing trade between its members. In this course, students will gain an understanding of the particular rules and disciplines contained in these agreements and gain an understanding of how these agreements influence the domestic regulatory choices of its member states. The course will pay particular attention to the application of these legal rules and disciplines in legal decisions rendered in dispute resolution forums utilized to resolve trade disputes between its members.

The objective of the course is to expose students to the important legal concepts and dispute resolution processes available at the international level. In doing so, students will become familiar with the international agreements that have set out fundamental principles of law that govern international trade. Students will be asked to look at the provisions contained in these agreements, and be exposed to academic commentary that reflects upon these agreements. Students will also be looking at the legal principles that have been interpreted and applied in dispute resolution decisions. It is anticipated that by the end of the course, students will have acquire a comprehensive understanding of the significant legal issues affecting international trade as well as an appreciation of the significant function that members of dispute resolution panels and the Appellate body play in the application and creation of international trade law.

### REQUIRED READINGS

The casebook for this course is:

John. H. Jackson, William J. Davey & Alan O. Sykes, Jr. *Legal Problems of International Economic Relations, Cases Materials and Texts* 5th Ed. (St. Paul: American Casebook Series, 2008)

Also required is:

Documents Supplement to *Legal Problems of International Economic Relations* 4th Ed.; or access the legal text of the WTO Agreements from the WTO website at [www.wto.org](http://www.wto.org).

## EVALUATION

Students are evaluated on the basis of answers to questions in the modules, participation in an on-line discussion regarding select module, and a final assignment consisting of a written problem and a few short essay-type questions.

Assignment	Weight
Answers to module questions (5 marks per module * 10 modules)	50%
Participation in online discussion board (5 marks per module * 3 modules)	15%
Final Assignment: Problem	15%
Final Assignment: Essay-style Questions	20%

## ACADEMIC INTEGRITY AND CONDUCT

Ensuring that you understand and follow the principles of academic integrity and conduct as laid out in University of Saskatchewan's Guidelines for Academic Conduct is vital to your success in graduate school. Ensuring that your work is your own and reflects both your own ideas and those of others incorporated in your work is important: ensuring that you acknowledge the ideas, words, and phrases of others that you use is a vital part of the scholarly endeavour. If you have any questions at all about academic integrity in general or about specific issues, contact your course instructor and to discuss your questions.