

**UNIVERSITY OF ECONOMICS - VARNA**  
**FACULTY OF FINANCE AND ACCOUNTING**  
**DEPARTMENT „LEGAL STUDIES “**

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**ACCEPTED BY:**

**Rector:**

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**SYLLABUS**

**SUBJECT: “ INTERNATIONAL TRADE LAW”;**

**DEGREE PROGRAMME: „Accounting“; BACHELOR`S DEGREE**

**YEAR OF STUDY: 2nd ; SEMESTER: 4;**

**TOTAL STUDENT WORKLOAD: 180 h.; incl. curricular 60 h.**

**CREDITS: 6**

**DISTRIBUTION OF WORKLOAD ACCORDING TO THE CURRICULUM**

<i>TYPE OF STUDY HOURSE</i>	<b>WORKLOAD, h.</b>	<b>TEACHING HOURS PER WEEK, h</b>
<b>CURRICULAR:</b>		
incl.		
• LECTURES	30	2
• SEMINARS (lab. exercises)	30	2
<b>EXTRACURRICULAR</b>	120	-

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## **I. ANNOTATION**

*The main goal of this course is the acquisition of knowledge for key legal issues in international trade. It focuses on the international organizations and international trade agreements. Settlements in disputes in international trade will also be discussed. International and national statutory materials will be examined in the effort to understand international trade law in theory and practice. The course will give the students knowledge on basic aspects of international trade law and skills for implementation in practice.*

## **II. THEMATIC CONTENT**

No.	TITLE OF UNIT AND SUBTOPICS	NUMBER OF HOURS		
		L	S	L.E.
<b>UNIT 1. INTERNATIONAL TRADE LAW</b>		<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	
1.1.	Introduction.	1	1	
1.2.	History.	1	1	
<b>UNIT 2. SOURCES AND PRINCIPLES OF ITL</b>		<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	
2.1.	Sources.	1	1	
2.2.	Modern legal principles of international trade.	1	1	
<b>UNIT 3. INTERNATIONAL TRADE ORGANIZATIONS</b>		<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	
3.1.	Introduction.	1	1	
3.2.	Types of international organizations.	1	1	
<b>UNIT 4. UNITED NATIONS - 1</b>		<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	
4.1.	UN Economic and social council (ECOSOC).	1	1	
4.2.	UN Regional economic commissions UN.	1	1	
<b>UNIT 5: UNITED NATIONS - 2</b>		<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	
5.1.	Commission on international trade law (UNCITRAL).	1	1	
5.2.	UN Conference on trade and development (UNCTAD).	1	1	
<b>UNIT 6. GATT AND WTO</b>		<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	
6.1.	General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT).	1	1	
6.2.	World Trade Organization (WTO).	1	1	
<b>UNIT 7. REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS</b>		<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	
7.1.	European Union (EU).	1	1	
7.2.	European Free Trade Association (EFTA).	1	1	
7.3.	Organization of the Black Sea Economic Organization (BSEC).	1	1	
<b>UNIT 8. ORGANIZATION ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN GOODS</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	
<b>UNIT 9. NGOS ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE</b>		<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	
9.1.	International Chamber of Commerce (ICC).	1	1	
9.2.	International Union of Exhibitions and Fairs (IUEF).	1	1	
<b>UNIT 10. INTERNATIONAL LEGAL PROTECTION OF FOREIGN DIRECT INVESTMENTS (FDI)</b>		<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	

10.1.	Differentiating FDI from other types of investment.	1	1	
10.2.	National regulations and international agreements for protection of FDI.	1	1	
<b>UNIT 11. STATE AUTHORITIES FOR FOREIGN ECONOMIC RELATIONS</b>		<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	
11.1.	Domestic authorities.	1	1	
11.2.	External government bodies.	1	1	
<b>UNIT 12. INTERNATIONAL TRADE AGREEMENTS - 1</b>		<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	
12.1.	Introduction.	1	1	
12.2.	Subject, object, structure	1	1	
<b>UNIT 13. INTERNATIONAL TRADE AGREEMENTS - 2</b>		<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	
13.1.	Conclusion.	1	1	
13.2.	Performance.	1	1	
13.3.	Termination.			
<b>UNIT 14: INTERNATIONAL REGULATION OF TRANSACTIONS IN FOREIGN TRADE</b>		<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	
14.1.	Standard contract. General conditions.	1	1	
14.2.	International terms in foreign trade transactions.	1	1	
<b>UNIT 15: DISPUTE SETTLEMENT IN INTERNATIONAL TRADE</b>		<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	
15.1.	Obligation of peaceful settlement of trade disputes between countries.	1	1	
15.2.	Dispute resolution: arbitration, judicial process.	1	1	
15.3.	Recognition and enforcement of foreign arbitral awards.			
<b>Total:</b>		<b>30</b>	<b>30</b>	

### III. FORMS OF CONTROL:

No. by row	TYPE AND FORM OF CONTROL	№	extra-curricular, h.
<b>1.</b>	<b>Midterm control</b>		
1.1.	Test (mixed type questions)	2	20
1.2.	Project work on a predefined theme	1	30
1.3.	Work – with statutory instruments	1	15
1.4.	Comparative-legal research	1	15
	<b>Total midterm control:</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>80</b>
<b>2.</b>	<b>Final term control</b>		
2.1.	Examination (test)	1	40
	<b>Total final term control:</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>40</b>
	<b>Total for all types of control:</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>120</b>

### IV. LITERATURE

#### REQUIRED (BASIC) LITERATURE:

1. **Simon Lester, Bryan Mercurio and Arwel Davis**, World trade law, Text, Materials and Commentary, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition, Oxford and Portland, Oregon, Hart Publishing, 2012

#### RECOMMENDED (ADDITIONAL) LITERATURE:

1. Carr, I., International trade law, L. 2014
2. Wharton, N., Fundamentals of Transnational Business Law, 2012
3. Владимиров, Ив., Международно търговско право, С. 2005