

Module Details	
Module Title	International Trade and Investment Law (Distance Learning)
Module Code	LAW7067-B
Academic Year	2023/4
Credits	20
School	School of Law
FHEQ Level	FHEQ Level 7

Contact Hours	
Type	Hours
Directed Study	176
Online Lecture (Asynchronous)	12
Online Seminar (Synchronous)	12

Availability	
Occurrence	Location / Period
DLA	University of Bradford / Semester 1

Module Aims
<p>The aim is to critically examine and understand legal, theoretical and practical underpinnings of international trade and investment law taking into account the latest developments in these fields. The content of the module is flexible by nature and can be amended to incorporate significant international developments in the area of trade and investments such as the impact of Brexit, the revision of NAFTA and the efforts to revise WTO.</p>

Outline Syllabus
<p>A selection from a list of topics about international trade and investment law including amongst others: -WTO, aims, objectives and dispute resolution. -EU free trade and the impact of Brexit. -NAFTA, TTIP and other significant international free trade agreements. -Aims and objectives of international investment law and key principles. -Bilateral and multilateral investment treaties. -Rights of investors and dispute resolution mechanisms. -Current issues in international trade and investment law</p>

Learning Outcomes	
Outcome Number	Description
01	Critically analyse the theories and legal principles underpinning international trade and investment law.
02	Identify and critically evaluate the key organisations and treaties related to international trade and investments.
03	Apply critically the legal frameworks to provide solutions to complex real world scenarios.
04	Structure complex legal arguments in respect of international trade and investment law.
05	Present your work to an acceptable academic standing, both orally and in writing.

Learning, Teaching and Assessment Strategy
<p>All sessions are delivered online using digital legal resources and appropriate learning technologies. The Virtual Learning Environment (VLE) for each module is the hub of knowledge through which all module materials are accessed and where a big part of student work takes place. The module will be delivered over 12 weeks 5 of which will include synchronous learning and 7 asynchronous.</p> <p>Synchronous learning, which involves student interaction with module lecturers and tutors, includes four 2-hour live seminars focusing on delivering content, clarifying issues on the law topics, and discussing answers to student tasks. One additional 2-hour synchronous seminar will focus on the design of and preparation for the summative assessment, module revision, and the collection and review of student feedback which will be used to improve module delivery.</p> <p>The seven weeks of asynchronous learning include a mix of learning activities such as pre-recorded online presentations or talks on a particular topic, links to relevant videos and online resources and lists of questions and tasks for self-study. You can watch the presentations, videos and work on the answers and tasks at your own time.</p> <p>The learning materials and activities (synchronous and asynchronous) cover the underlying theory and consider issues of critical evaluation of international trade and investment law through a combination practical questions and case studies. Successfully completing tasks set requires independent legal research drawing on variety of both primary and secondary materials and written and oral presentations by you.</p> <p>Oral feedback is given in the class during the live sessions and opportunities for written feedback are provided. A formative assessment will be made available to help you better prepare for the summative assessment.</p> <p>An online module manual provides an outline of the module structure, content, learning and teaching strategy and assessment format.</p> <p>The manual is complemented by more detailed study guides which provide guidance on the topic of the weekly study and contain the learning materials (pre-recorded lectures, slides, tutorial tasks, self-study tasks) the reading lists, and other useful information for each week.</p> <p>The assessment for this module has two parts: a. An oral group presentation on a module topic. The presentation will take place in class. The presentation will count towards 30% of the overall module marks. b. A critical individual report on the topic of your presentation. The report will also contain a reflective account of your learning process. The report will count 70% of the overall module marks.</p>

Mode of Assessment			
Type	Method	Description	Weighting
Summative	Presentation	Oral presentation (10 Mins)	30%
Summative	Coursework	Essay or critique of an international legal framework, theory or court case about trade and investments (2500 words)	70%
Formative	Coursework	Development task	N/A

Reading List
To access the reading list for this module, please visit <a href="https://bradford.rl.talis.com/index.html">https://bradford.rl.talis.com/index.html</a>

*Please note:*

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