



Syllabus

Academic Year	2026/2027
Program	Global Law
Course	Trade and Investment Law
Term	I semester
Year	3
SSD	IUS/04
Credits	6

INSTRUCTIONAL GOALS	<p>The course aims to provide students with an understanding of the main rules and sources of international law governing today's interconnected global marketplace, with reference to the exchange of goods and the movement of financial capital. It will focus on the main multilateral and bilateral trade treaties and agreements, the role of the World Trade Organisation (WTO) and other relevant regional organisations, the resolution of international disputes involving both states and large corporations, or multi-stakeholder investment programmes.</p>
INTENDED LEARNING OUTCOMES	<p>Knowledge and understanding: Students will gain a deep understanding of the principles and the normative framework governing international trade and investment as well as key international agreements and organizations.</p> <p>Applying knowledge and understanding: Students, through the theoretical knowledge acquired, will be able to analyse legal frameworks governing trade and investment at both the national and international levels and to solve concrete legal issues (i.e. the resolution of international disputes, including arbitration and litigation).</p> <p>Making judgments: By exploring contemporary issues and debates, students will develop critical thinking skills to navigate the complex dynamics of international trade and investment and the ability to critically evaluate the impact of trade and investment policies on economic development, social welfare and sustainability.</p> <p>Communications Skills: Students will acquire appropriate language and vocabulary and they will be able to communicate legal argument, negotiate</p>



agreements and present findings clearly and persuasively, either in writing or orally, regarding trade and investment law.

Learning skills: Students will gain the ability to analyze complex legal frameworks governing international trade and investment law and to propose solutions to trade and investment disputes and challenges within the global marketplace.

Pre-requisites	Basic knowledge of the main principles of trade law and international law.
Course content	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introduction to trade and investment law• The normative framework• The main multilateral and bilateral trade treaties and agreements• The role of the World Trade Organisation (WTO)• Other relevant regional organisations• Dispute settlement mechanisms (arbitration and litigation)
Reference Books	A.D. Mitchell, E. Sheargold (2021), Principles of International Trade and Investment Law (Edward Elgar Publishing). Slides and other teaching materials on Luiss Learn.
Teaching Methods	Frontal lectures Guest speakers
Assessment	Working groups (40%) Final oral exam (60%)
