





5.00 credits

30.0 h

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Teacher(s)	Balan George Dian ;Zarnaускаite Ruta ;
Language :	English
Place of the course	Louvain-la-Neuve
Main themes	<p>Through this course students acquire a working knowledge of the mechanics of international trade, with an emphasis on the EU's functioning as a trade actor. The course consists in two parts.</p> <p>The first part is mostly legal, familiarizing the students with the basic principles of WTO Law and the overall architecture of international trade, including Regional Trade Agreements (RTAs). In this context, the functioning of the EU Common Commercial Policy will be explained. Practical exercises will help the students develop an analytical approach to the current trade issues.</p> <p>The second part provides a negotiator's perspective on international trade negotiations, be it in the WTO or in the framework of the growing number of bilateral negotiations concluded or conducted by the European Commission on behalf of the EU. Class exercises with the students will help them understand the dynamics of trade negotiations and the challenges of trade diplomacy within the EU.</p>
Learning outcomes	<p><b>At the end of this learning unit, the student is able to :</b></p> <p>This is an interdisciplinary course within an interdisciplinary Master program, the participants having the opportunity to understand the different sides of the challenges the EU is facing in international trade.</p> <p>1 The objective of the course is to build the basis for future experts in the field, equipping the students with the kind of knowledge and the skills they can immediately put into practice. At the end of our meetings the participants will have a good understanding of the functioning of the systems, knowing where to look for the information and how to assess it.</p>
Evaluation methods	A final written exam and students' participation in the classes. A register of attendance at all meetings of the class will be taken.
Content	<p>As both lecturers are practitioners in their respective fields, the course will privilege a practical approach to trade issues. The students are expected to read the assigned materials in advance and to actively participate in the classes, answering questions, asking relevant questions, preparing assignments and assuming the respective roles in practical exercises.</p> <p>A detailed content, together with the respective bibliography, are provided separately.</p>
Bibliography	<p>Peter Van den Bossche, Werner Zdouc, The Law and Policy of the World Trade Organization, Text, Cases and Materials, 4th edition, CUP, 2018.</p> <p>EU External Relations Law, Piet Eeckhout, 6th ed. 2011.</p>
Other infos	Prerequisite: an introductory course in economics. Support: assigned reading materials and professor's slides.
Faculty or entity in charge	EURO

Programmes containing this learning unit (UE)				
Program title	Acronym	Credits	Prerequisite	Learning outcomes
Master [120] in European Studies	EURO2M	5		
Master [120] in Law (shift schedule)	DRHD2M	5		
Advanced Master in European Law	DREU2MC	5		
Master [120] in Law	DROI2M	5		
Advanced Master in European Business and Economic Policy	EBEP2MC	5		