



CORPORATE AND ACADEMIC SERVICES

MODULE SPECIFICATION

Part 1: Basic Data					
Module Title	The World Trade Organisation and the Global Trading System				
Module Code	UMEDFX-15-M	Level	M	Version	1
Owning Faculty	FBL	Field	Economics		
Contributes towards	MSc/LLM Global Trade LLM in International Trade and Economic Law				
UWE Credit Rating	15	ECTS Credit Rating	7.5	Module Type	Standard
Pre-requisites	None		Co- requisites	None	
Excluded Combinations	None		Module Entry requirements		
Valid From	1 September 2014		Valid to		

CAP Approval Date	13/2/14
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Part 2: Learning and Teaching	
Learning Outcomes	<p>On successful completion of the module, students are expected to demonstrate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A critical understanding of the basic principles of the multilateral trading system and the WTO agreements [Components A and B]. • A critical understanding of the WTO rules and their application [Components A and B]. • An ability to critically analyse regional (preferential) trade agreements and WTO rules [Components A and B]. • A critical understanding of the role of developing countries in the WTO [Components A and B]. • An ability to critically evaluate the future of the multilateral trading system [Components A and B]. <p>On successful completion of this module, students will be able to demonstrate the following transferable skills:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ability to present a structured argument at both abstract and concrete levels in the subject area [Components A and B]; • Ability to recognise complex problems and identify solutions [Components A and B]; • Ability to critically analyse, evaluate and reflect upon complex materials relating to the subject area [Components A and B]; • Ability to undertake independent research [Components A and B].
Syllabus Outline	The following is an indicative list of topics that will be explored:

	<p>The global trading system before the creation of the WTO. The creation of the WTO: issues and challenges. The key WTO agreements, their application and challenges. The evolution of the WTO. The role and influence of emerging economies in the WTO. The future of the WTO and the global trading system.</p>
<p>Contact Hours/Scheduled Hours</p>	<p>12 x 2 hour workshops</p> <p>Scheduled contact is supplemented by independent learning structured around reading and questions set in advance. In addition, students are encouraged to attend seminars organised by the Faculties of Business and Law and Health and Applied Sciences.</p> <p>In addition, contact time may also take a synchronous virtual form rather than face-to-face, through the use of email, email discussion groups, virtual learning environments (VLEs) and other technology-aided means. It can also take place in a work-based setting.</p>
<p>Teaching and Learning Methods</p>	<p>The main focus of teaching and learning on the taught MSc/LLM programme is through independent research and debate in the context of 2-hour weekly workshops. The workshop-based approach to teaching and learning is designed to enable the student to develop the independent research, analytical and reflective skills required for successful completion of a postgraduate level course. Students will need to complete the necessary preparatory reading and study of any set case materials in advance of each workshop. From each workshop, the student will be expected to have developed a general mastery of the subject under consideration. In addition, students will be expected to raise, critically assess and defend different points of view on controversial issues in class and to make presentations to the class on their own and in groups.</p> <p>Scheduled learning for this module is in the form of workshops. The activities covered in workshops may include lectures, seminars, tutorials, group discussions, group exercises, role play, case studies, presentations by students and staff, in groups or individually, debates and other activities such as films or video and online discussions.</p> <p>Independent learning includes hours engaged with essential reading, case study preparation, preparation for oral presentations, assignment preparation and completion etc.</p>
<p>Reading Strategy*</p>	<p>All students will be encouraged to make full use of the print and electronic resources available to them through membership of the University. These include a range of journals (both print and electronic) and a wide variety of resources available through web sites and information gateways. There are a variety of electronic sources available. The University's Library website pages provide access to subject relevant resources and services, and to the library catalogue. Many resources can be accessed remotely. Students will be presented with opportunities to develop their information retrieval and evaluation skills in order to identify appropriate resources effectively.</p> <p>This module is supported by the virtual learning environment Blackboard, where students will be able to find all necessary module documentation, to include guidance on essential and further reading within the module outline. Direct links to information resources and digitised materials will also be provided from within Blackboard.</p> <p>Any essential reading will be indicated clearly, along with the method for accessing it, for instance, students may be expected to purchase a set text or be referred to texts that are available electronically. At the moment there is no one set text but there a variety of up to date sources which have been purchased by the library and held on short loan. Where possible electronic versions will be</p>

	<p>made available via Blackboard. The reading list will be made available in the module handbook which will be accessible via Blackboard and through any other vehicles deemed appropriate by the module/programme leaders.</p> <p>If further reading is expected, this will be indicated clearly. If specific texts are listed, a clear indication will be given regarding how to access them and, if appropriate, students will be given guidance on how to identify relevant sources for themselves, for instance, through use of bibliographical databases. Essential reading and additional reading will be distinguished.</p>
<p>Indicative Reading List</p>	<p>Indicative Reading List:</p> <p>Recommended Texts</p> <p>The following are recommended as useful general texts and provide an indication of the type and level of information that students will be expected to use. Current advice on reading will be made available in the module outline which will be accessible via Blackboard.</p> <p>P. van den Bossche and W. Zdouc (2012) <i>The Law and Policy of the World Trade Organization</i>, Cambridge University Press. T. Cottier (2011) <i>Governing the World Trade Organization: past, present and beyond Doha</i>, Cambridge University Press. Z. Drabek (2010) <i>Is the World Trade Organization attractive enough for emerging economies? Critical essays on the multilateral trading system</i>, Palgrave Macmillan. M. Eagleton-Pierce (2013) <i>Symbolic Power in the World Trade Organization</i>, Oxford University Press. C. van Grassek (2013) <i>The History and Future of the World Trade Organization</i>, The World Trade Organization. J. Harrison (2007) <i>The human rights impact of the World Trade Organization</i>, Hart Publishers. B. Hoekman and P. Mavroidis (2007) <i>The World Trade Organization: law, economics and politics</i>, Routledge. A. Narlikar (2005) <i>The World Trade Organization: A very short introduction</i>, Oxford University Press. A. Narlikar, M. Daunton, and R. Stern (2014) <i>The Oxford Handbook on the World Trade Organization</i>, Oxford University Press. S. Rolland (2012) <i>Development at the World Trade Organization</i>, Oxford University Press.</p> <p>Journals</p> <p>International Economy World Trade World Trade Review Third World Quarterly Journal of International Development</p>

<p align="center">Part 3: Assessment</p>	
<p>Assessment Strategy</p>	<p>Learning outcomes will be assessed by an oral presentation and an associated piece of written coursework. The oral presentation will be chosen from a range of questions set by the tutors. Once the presentation has been completed, which will include a Q&A session and feedback from the tutor has been provided, the student will be asked to develop their lines of argument on the same topic in a written piece of coursework. The written piece of work will include a consideration of the issues and arguments raised in the Q&A session. Both assessments require students to undertake independent research building on material covered in the module.</p>

Identify final assessment component and element	Component B	
% weighting between components A and B (Standard modules only)	A:	B:
	40%	60%
First Sit		
Component A (controlled conditions) Description of each element	Element weighting (as % of component)	
1. Oral presentation and questions (30 minutes)	100%	
Component B Description of each element	Element weighting (as % of component)	
1. Case study based on the oral presentation topic (2000 words)	100%	

Resit (further attendance at taught classes is not required)		
Component A (controlled conditions) Description of each element	Element weighting (as % of component)	
1. Oral presentation and questions (30 minutes)	100%	
Component B Description of each element	Element weighting (as % of component)	
1. Case study based on the oral presentation topic (2000 words)	100%	
If a student is permitted an EXCEPTIONAL RETAKE of the module the assessment will be that indicated by the Module Description at the time that retake commences.		