Course Specifications
Valid as from the academic year 2019-2020

International Economic and Financial Law (B000445)

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Lecturers in academic year 2019-2020
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RE21 lecturer-in-charge

Course offerings and teaching methods in academic year 2019-2020
C (semester 2) English guided self-study 5.0 h
lecture 25.0 h

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Teaching languages
English

Keywords
International Economic law; international investment law; WTO; IMF; International monetary system

Position of the course
The course offers an overview of and introduction to International Economic Law, a subject which usually is not dealt with in undergraduate legal education, certainly not as a mandatory course. The course does not really build on courses dealing with national economic law, which typically deal with a totally different subject matter.

Contents
1. The regulatory framework for international trade: the philosophical- economic foundations; the WTO; regional and bilateral trade agreements.
2. WTO dispute resolution.
3. Selected issues in international trade relations: dumping, intellectual property, environmental concerns, .... These issues will vary in the light of ongoing trends and developments.
4. International investment law:
   - principles and structure of Bilateral investment treaties
   - standards of behavior for host states; expropriation
   - dispute settlement (mainly ICSID)
5. The International Monetary System, with special attention to the IMF

Initial competences
Sound knowledge of national law; knowledge of basics of public international law

Final competences
1. Having knowledge of and insight in the rules and dynamics governing the main traditional areas of international economic law (such as WTO and international investment law)
2. Being able to apply the gained knowledge and theoretical insights onto practical cases
3. Being aware of the political and economic issues which are important for a good understanding of how international economic law functions in the real world

Conditions for credit contract
Access to this course unit via a credit contract is unrestricted: the student takes into consideration the conditions mentioned in ’Starting Competences’

(Approved)
Conditions for exam contract
   Access to this course unit via an exam contract is unrestricted

Teaching methods
   Guided self-study, lecture

Extra information on the teaching methods
   Lectures with student participation (class discussions) based on (occasional)
   preparatory reading of texts and cases.

Learning materials and price
   Slides on the Minverva platform + course reader
   Cost: ca. 20 euro

References
   • P. Van den Bossche and W. Zdouc, *The law and policy of the World Trade
   • K.N. Schefer, *International investment law: text, cases and materials*, Northampton,
     Edward Elgar, 2016.

Course content-related study coaching
   Individual coaching can be obtained from the lecturer if required.

Evaluation methods
   end-of-term evaluation

Examination methods in case of periodic evaluation during the first examination period
   Written examination

Examination methods in case of periodic evaluation during the second examination period
   Written examination

Examination methods in case of permanent evaluation

Possibilities of retake in case of permanent evaluation
   not applicable

Extra information on the examination methods
   Written exam with essay questions and case-based questions

Calculation of the examination mark
   100% written exam