

**Course title: International Law on Trade in Goods**

**Course code: PLU433**

**Faculty:** Faculty of Law

**Department:** International Trade law

**Credit hours:** 3

**Prerequisite(s):** International Trade policy (MA301); International Public Law (PLU307); Commercial law (PLU217)

**Time of the first design/announcement:**

**Adjustment, modification, supplementation:**

**1. INSTRUCTORS' INFORMATION**

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**2. COURSE OBJECTIVES**

This course is part of the specialized knowledge block within the Bachelor of Law program, specializing in International Trade Law.

International law on trade in Goods is a subject that studies legal relations between countries in the field of international trade in goods. The purpose of this course is to provide students with fundamental legal knowledge about international trade in goods. Additionally, the course enhances students' abilities to analyze, evaluate, and apply this knowledge to resolve disputes in the field of international trade in goods.

**3. COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES**

**3.1. Learning outcomes about knowledge, skills, autonomy and responsibility**

Upon the course completion, undergraduate students are able:

**3.1.1. Knowledge**

CLO1: Grasp fundamental knowledge about goods trade and international law governing goods trade (subjects, objects, regulatory methods, basic principles, sources of law, etc.);

CLO2: Understand the core provisions of the WTO regulations on goods trade;

CLO3: Understand the key provisions in the laws of the EU, NAFTA, and AFTA regarding goods trade, as well as the trade-in-goods provisions under the framework of free trade agreements that Vietnam is currently negotiating.

CLO4: Understand the basic regulations governing bilateral trade relations in goods between Vietnam and some partner countries.

CLO5: Identify disputes and methods for resolving international disputes in goods trade.

**3.1.2. Skills**

After completing the learning process, students must know how to:

**CLO6:** Search for, gather information, and apply legal knowledge in the field of goods trade to perform professional tasks aligned with training requirements, such as providing

consultancy to enterprises and relevant State agencies on common issues in the field of goods trade.

**CLO7:** Enhance skills in analyzing international legal issues and Vietnamese laws related to goods trade.

### 3.1.3. *Autonomy and responsibility*

**CLO8:** Comply with international trade regulations appropriately;

**CLO9:** Have proper awareness and conduct in practicing legal professions related to the trade of goods;

**CLO10:** Respect and strictly adhere to international trade laws regarding goods when performing professional tasks.

### 3.2. **Matrix of the contribution of Course learning outcomes to Program learning outcomes**

| Course learning outcomes | Program learning outcomes |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|--------------------------|---------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
|                          | PO1                       | PO2 | PO3 | PO4 | PO5 | PO6 | PO7 | PO8 | PO9 | PO10 | PO11 | PO12 | PO13 | PO14 | PO15 | PO16 |
| CL01                     | x                         | x   | x   | x   |     |     |     |     |     |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| CL02                     | x                         | x   | x   | x   |     |     |     |     |     |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| CL03                     | x                         | x   | x   | x   |     |     |     |     |     |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| CL04                     | x                         | x   | x   | x   |     |     |     |     |     |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| CL05                     | x                         | x   | x   | x   |     |     |     |     |     |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| CL06                     |                           |     |     |     | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x    | x    |      |      |      |      |      |
| CL07                     |                           |     |     |     | x   | x   | x   | x   | x   | x    | x    |      |      |      |      |      |
| CL08                     |                           |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |      |      | x    | x    | x    | x    | x    |
| CL09                     |                           |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |      |      | x    | x    | x    | x    | x    |
| CL010                    |                           |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |      |      | x    | x    | x    | x    | x    |
| Course                   | 2                         | 3   | 3   | 5   | 3   | 4   | 5   | 5   | 5   | 4    | 3    | 4    | 4    | 4    | 4    | 5    |

## 4. READING MATERIALS

#### 4.1. Textbook

1. Prof. Dr. Nguyen Thi Mo, Textbook on International Trade Law, Labour Publishing House, Hanoi, 2011

#### 4.2. Compulsory readings

2. Multilateral Trade Assistance Project III (Mutrap III), *Textbook International Trade and Business Law*, People's Public Security Publishing House, Hanoi, (2012) (Vietnamese-English bilingual book)

3. Hercules Boysen, *International trade law on goods and services*, Interlegal, 2012.

4. Peter van den Bossche, *The Law and Policy of the World Trade Organization: Text, Cases and Materials (second Edition)*, Cambridge University Press, 2008

5. Surya P. Subedi, *International Economic Law*, University of London Press, London, 2006.

6. National Committee for International Economic Cooperation (2006), Overview of Issues on Trade Liberalization in Goods (translated book)

7. Multilateral Trade Assistance Project III (Mutrap III), The report "Comprehensive Assessment of the Impact of Trade Liberalization on Vietnam's Economy"

8. Multilateral Trade Assistance Project III (Mutrap III), The report "Classification of Goods in the Digital Economy and Its Implications for State Management and Free Trade Agreement Negotiations";

9. Multilateral Trade Assistance Project III (Mutrap III), The report "Review of the Legal Framework for Distributed Goods in Vietnam and Recommendations on the Alignment of Sectoral Regulations with WTO Commitments";

10. Free Trade Agreement between The Socialist Republic of Viet Nam and European Union, link <https://trungtamwto.vn/file/19668/full-text-evfta.pdf>

11. Center for Wto and international trade, *Enterprises and Trade Liberalization*, Press Department (Ministry of Information and Communications), 2015

12. Parliamentary Foreign Affairs Committee, *Negotiation and Signing of Free Trade Agreements - Experiences and Practices*, 2012, <http://trungtamwto.vn/sukien/hoi-thao-%E2%80%9C9Cdam-phan-va-ky-ket-hiep-dinh-thuong-mai-tu-do-%E2%80%9393-kinh-nghiem-va-thuc-tien%E2%80%9D>

13. Marrakesh Agreement Establishing the World Trade Organization

14. Asean Trade in Goods Agreements

15. The United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement

16. Agreement between The United States of America and The Socialist Republic of Viet Nam on Trade Relations, link <https://ustr.gov/sites/default/files/US-VietNam-BilateralTradeAgreement.pdf>

17. *Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP)*

18. Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership - RCEP

### 5. COURSE CONTENTS AND SCHEDULE

#### 5.1. Course contents

|     |          | Time Allocation      |              |               |                 | Contribution to CLO |
|-----|----------|----------------------|--------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| No. | Contents | Hour(s) on the class |              | Exercises (3) | Self-study with |                     |
|     |          | Lecture (1)          | Practice (2) |               |                 |                     |

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|---------------------|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|--|----------------------------|
|                     |   |           |           |           | <b>teacher's<br/>tutorials<br/>(4)</b> |                            |
| 1-2                 | Chapter 1.<br>Overview of<br>Trade in Goods<br>and International<br><b>Law on trade in<br/>goods</b>  | 6         | 0         | 3         | 12                                     | <b>1,6,7,8,9,10</b>        |
| 3-4-<br>5           | Chapter 2. Legal<br>Framework<br>Governing Trade<br>in Goods under<br>the WTO   | 5         | 4         | 4         | 12                                     | <b>2,6,7,8,9,10</b>        |
| 6                   | Mid-term Exam   | 3         | 0         | 0         | 11                                     | <b>1,2,6,7,8,9,10</b>      |
| 7-8                 | Chapter 3. Legal<br>Framework<br>Governing Trade<br>in Goods under<br>Certain Regional<br>Free Trade<br>Organizations                                   | 2         | 4         | 4         | 6                                      | <b>3,5,6,7,<br/>8,9,10</b> |
| 9-10                | Chapter 4. Legal<br>Framework<br>Governing Trade<br>Relations in<br>Goods between<br>Vietnam and<br>Selected Partners<br>under Free Trade<br>Agreements | 4         | 2         | 4         | 14                                     | <b>4,5,6,7,8,9,10</b>      |
| <b>Total (hour)</b> |   | <b>20</b> | <b>10</b> | <b>15</b> | <b>55</b>                              |                            |

## 5.2. Schedule of lectures

| No. | Teaching and<br>learning<br>activities | Hour(s) | Content   | Contribution<br>to CLO |
|-----|--|---------|---|------------------------|
| 1   | Lecture                                | 3       | Chapter 1. Overview of<br>Trade in Goods and<br>International Law<br>Governing Trade in Goods<br>1.1. Overview of Trade in<br>Goods and Trade | 1,6,7,8,9,10           |
|     | Practice                               | 0       |   |                        |
|     | Exercise,<br>assignments               | 0       |   |                        |

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|          |  |  | <b>Liberalization</b><br><b>1.1.1. Trade in Goods</b><br><b>1.1.1.1. Definition</b><br><b>1.1.1.2. Characteristics</b><br><b>1.1.2. Trade Liberalization</b><br><b>1.1.3. Market Access Regulations</b><br><b>1.1.3.1. Tariff Regulations</b><br><b>1.1.3.2. Regulations Related to Non-Tariff Measures</b>   |                     |
|          | <b>Self-study with the teacher's tutorials</b> | <b>6</b>   | Read [1 – chapter 3], 2, 3, 4, 5  |                     |
|          | <b>Assessment methods</b>                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Present and analyze commodity trade and its characteristics.</li> <li>- Present and analyze international trade law and the main characteristics of international trade.</li> <li>- Present the regulations regarding market access.</li> <li>- Discuss tariff measures and non-tariff measures. Which measures are considered more effective in international trade today? Why?</li> </ul> |   |                     |
| <b>2</b> | <b>Lecture</b>                                 | <b>3</b>   | <b>Chapter 1. Overview of Trade in Goods and International Law</b><br><b>Governing Trade in Goods</b><br>1.2. International Law on Trade in Goods<br>1.2.1. Concepts of International Trade and International Trade Law<br>1.2.1.1. Trade of Goods at the International Level<br>1.2.1.2. International Law on the Trade of Goods<br>1.2.2. Subjects of Trade of Goods at the International Level<br>1.2.3. Sources of International Law on the Trade of Goods<br>1.2.4. Fundamental Principles | <b>1,6,7,8,9,10</b> |
|          | <b>Practice</b>                                | <b>3</b>   |   |                     |
|          | <b>Exercise, assignments</b>                   | <b>0</b>   |   |                     |

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|   |   |  | of International Law on the Trade of Goods<br>1.2.5. Key Institutions<br>Regulating the Trade of Goods at the International Level   |              |
|   | Self-study with the teacher's tutorials | 6  | Read [1 – chapter 3], 2, 3, 4, 5  |              |
|   | Assessment methods                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Present and analyze commodity trade and its characteristics.</li> <li>- Present and analyze international trade law and the main characteristics of international trade.</li> <li>- Present the regulations regarding market access.</li> <li>- Discuss tariff measures and non-tariff measures. Which measures are considered more effective in international trade today? Why?</li> </ul> |   |              |
| 3 | Lecture                                 | 1  | <b>Chapter 2: Legal Framework Governing Trade in Goods under the WTO</b><br><b>2.1. Overview of the Legal Framework Governing Trade in Goods under the WTO</b><br><b>2.2. Principles Governing Trade in Goods</b> | 2,6,7,8,9,10 |
|   | Practice                                | 1  |   |              |
|   | Exercise, assignments                   | 0  |   |              |
|   | Self-study with the teacher's tutorials | 3  | Read [1, chapter 2, 3], 4, 13   |              |
|   | Assessment methods                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Present the history of the establishment and development of the GATT Agreement</li> <li>- Present and analyze the principles for applying trade regulations on goods for a WTO Member</li> <li>- Present and analyze the principles governing trade in goods</li> </ul>   |   |              |
| 4 | Lecture                                 | 2  | <b>Chapter 2: Legal Framework Governing</b>   | 2,6,7,8,9,10 |
|   | Practice                                | 2  |   |              |

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|          | <b>Exercise, assignments</b>                   | <b>2</b>  | <b>Trade in Goods under the WTO (cont.)</b><br>2.3. Regulations Governing Goods Trade in Multilateral Trade Agreements<br>2.3.1. Regulations on Tariffs and Non-Tariff Measures<br>2.3.2. Regulations on Agricultural Trade<br>2.3.3. Regulations on Technical Barriers to Trade<br>2.3.4. Regulations on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures<br>2.3.5. Regulations on Trade Facilitation |                     |
|          | <b>Self-study with the teacher’s tutorials</b> | <b>6</b>  | Read [1, chapter 2, 3], 4, 13   |                     |
|          | <b>Assessment methods</b>                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Present and analyze tariff and non-tariff measures</li> <li>- Present trade regulations related to agricultural products</li> <li>- Present regulations on technical barriers to trade</li> <li>- Present the main contents of the SPS Agreement</li> <li>- Present regulations on trade facilitation</li> </ul> |   |                     |
| <b>5</b> | <b>Lecture</b>                                 | <b>2</b>  | <b>Chapter 2: Legal Framework Governing Trade in Goods under the WTO (cont.)</b><br>2.4. Regulations Governing Trade in Goods in Multilateral Trade Agreements<br>2.4.1. Regulations on Information Technology Products<br>2.4.2. Regulations on the Sale of Civil Aircraft<br>2.4.3. Regulations on Government Procurement   | <b>2,6,7,8,9,10</b> |
|          | <b>Practice</b>                                | <b>1</b>  |   |                     |
|          | <b>Exercise, assignments</b>                   | <b>2</b>  |   |                     |

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|   | Self-study with the teacher's tutorials | 6  | Read [1, chapter 2, 3], 4, 13   |                 |
|   | Assessment methods                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Present regulations on information technology products</li><li>- Present regulations on the sale of civil aircraft</li><li>- Present regulations on government procurement</li></ul>   |   |                 |
| 6 | Lecture                                 | 3  | Mid-term exam   | 1, 2,6,7,8,9,10 |
|   | Practice                                | 0  |   |                 |
|   | Exercise, assignments                   | 0  |   |                 |
|   | Self-study with the teacher's tutorials | 11   | Review the entire content from session 1 to session 5<br>The referenced materials from chapters 1 and 2   |                 |
|   | Assessment methods                      | Review chapters 1 and 2  |   |                 |
| 7 | Lecture                                 | 1  | Chapter 3. Laws Governing Trade in Goods within the Framework of Certain Regional Free Trade Organizations<br>3.1. Overview of Regional Economic Integration and Laws Governing Trade in Goods within the Framework of Certain Regional Free Trade Organizations<br>3.2. Regulations on Trade in Goods of the European Union (EU) | 3,5,6,7, 8,9,10 |
|   | Practice                                | 2  |   |                 |
|   | Exercise, assignments                   | 2  |   |                 |
|   | Self-study with the teacher's tutorials | 3  | Read 2, 6, 17   |                 |
|   | Assessment methods                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Overview of the legal framework governing trade in goods within the framework of certain regional free trade organizations</li><li>- Presentation and analysis of the regulations on trade in goods of the European Union (EU)</li></ul> |   |                 |



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| 8 | Lecture                                 | 1  | <b>Chapter 3. Laws Governing Trade in Goods within the Framework of Certain Regional Free Trade Organizations (cont.)</b><br>3.3. Regulations on trade in goods under the North American Free Trade Agreement (USMCA)<br>3.4. Regulations on trade in goods under the ASEAN Free Trade Area (AFTA) | 3,5,6,7, 8,9,10 |
|   | Practice                                | 2  |  |                 |
|   | Exercise, assignments                   | 2  |  |                 |
|   | Self-study with the teacher's tutorials | 3  | Read [2, 6]  |                 |
|   | Assessment methods                      | - Present the regulations on trade in goods in the North American Free Trade Agreement (USMCA).<br>- Present the regulations on trade in goods in the ASEAN Free Trade Area (AFTA) |  |                 |
| 9 | Lecture                                 | 2  | <b>Chapter 4. Laws Governing Trade in Goods Between Vietnam and Selected Partners Under Free Trade Agreements</b><br>4.1. Overview of Vietnam's Cooperation in the Field of Goods Trade<br>4.2. Laws Governing Trade in Goods Between Vietnam and the European Union                               | 4,5,6,7, 8,9,10 |
|   | Practice                                | 2  |  |                 |
|   | Exercise, assignments                   | 2  |  |                 |
|   | Self-study with the teacher's tutorials | 7  | Read [7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 16, 17]   |                 |
|   | Assessment methods                      | - Present the regulations on trade in goods in EVFTA   |  |                 |
| 9 | Lecture                                 | 2  | <b>Chapter 4. Laws Governing Trade in Goods Between Vietnam and Selected Partners Under Free Trade Agreements (cont.)</b><br>4.3. Regulations Governing  | 4,5,6,7, 8,9,10 |
|   | Practice                                | 0  |  |                 |
|   | Exercise, assignments                   | 2  |  |                 |

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|  |  |   | trade in Goods in the CPTPP<br>4.4. . Regulations Governing<br>trade in Goods in the RCEP |  |
|  | <b>Self-study with<br/>the teacher's<br/>tutorials</b> | <b>8</b>  | Read [7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14,<br>15, 16]   |  |
|  | <b>Assessment<br/>methods</b>                          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Present some basic regulations governing trade in goods under the CPTPP.</li> <li>- Present some basic regulations governing trade relations in goods under the RCEP.</li> <li>- Select a few FTAs in which Vietnam is a member to analyze the regulations on trade in goods within these FTAs.</li> </ul> |   |  |

## 6. COURSE POLICY

### 6.1. Missions of students

- Read materials and prepare before attending class.
- Fulfill all assigned tasks.
- Prepare the discussion of the course.

### 6.2. Regulations of exam

- Students have to attend at least 80% of the total class.
- Fulfill all assigned tasks of the course.
- The midterm exam score must be at least 4
- Others regulations in accordance with current training regulation;

## 7. COURSE ASSESSMENT

- **Score ladder: 10**

- **Type of assessment**

| Form             |               | Content   | Criteria  | CLO                                   | Proportion |
|------------------|---------------|---|---|---------------------------------------|------------|
| <b>Formative</b> | Attendance    | Roll-call; in-class discussions; homework correction  | The number of attendances and participation in lesson.<br>Levels of preparedness and contribution of learners | 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 | 10%        |
|                  | Mid-term exam | Open-book exam taking the form either 01-hour in-class exam or take-home assignments/essays and | - Multiple-choice questions:<br>correct answers   | 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9,            | 30%        |

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|                  |                   | consisting of multiple-choice, short-answered and case-solving questions.   | - Short-answer questions:<br>correct answers;<br>provision of correct legal bases and complete and detailed justifications   | 10, 11, 12                            |             |
| <b>Summative</b> | <b>Final exam</b> | Open-book exam taking the form either 01-hour in-class exam or take-home assignments/essays and consisting of multiple-choice, short-answered and case-solving questions. | - Multiple-choice questions: correct answers<br>- Short-answer questions: correct answers; provision of correct legal bases and complete and detailed justifications<br>- Case-solving questions: application of the IRAC/IPAC model; analyses of legal issues; identification of relevant applicable legal rules/principles; proper application of the law to the issues; provision of correct conclusions. | 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 | 60%         |
|                  |                   |   |  | <b>Total:</b>                         | <b>100%</b> |

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