

Course title	WTO Law				
Responsible person to enter grades	KAWASHIMA Fujio		開講区分	単位数	
			2nd semester	1.0	
Numbering Code		Day・Period, etc.	Wed2(対面)	Timetable Slot Code	3J386

Lesson topic

The World Trade Organization (WTO) is an international organization which represents the world trading system. It governs trade agreements covering trade in goods, trade in services and trade-related aspects of intellectual properties. This course tackles WTO Law by introducing legal texts and reports which the WTO Dispute Settlement Mechanism has delivered so far. It also discusses root causes of, and necessary reforms for, the current WTO crisis both in trade negotiations and dispute settlement.

Lesson target

By taking this course, participants will understand: 1) the development history of the world trading system from the GATT to the WTO; 2) fundamental disciplines which support the trading system; and 3) the function of the dispute settlement mechanism. Participants will also understand root causes of, and necessary reforms for, the current WTO crisis both in trade negotiations and dispute settlement.

Syllabus and plan

The plan of the course is as follows:

- 1) History of world trading system; WTO as an international organization; Round negotiations; WTO Agreements
- 2) Dispute settlement including the Appellate Body vacancies
- 3) Prohibition of Quantitative Restrictions & Tariff Bindings
- 4) Non-discrimination 1: Most-Favored Nation
- 5) Non-discrimination 2: National Treatment
- 6) General Exceptions
- 7) Security Exception
- 8) Trade Remedies; New Issues

Evaluation method

The grading will be based on course participation (30%) and a short term paper (approximately 2500 words including footnotes) (70%).

Evaluation baseline

Grades will be determined in accordance with the degrees of each participants' achievement of the course objectives above.

Notice (include info. on related class)

Though it is much easier to understand if you have already studied courses such as Public International Law and International Investment Law, it is not the prerequisite for taking this course.

Review and preparation

Students are encouraged to prepare for each of the class, read the reference materials and actively engage in discussion in class. Extra reading is encouraged, but not compulsory.

Office hour・Contact information

Please feel free to ask questions immediately after each class or through email to the lecturer. Email address would be given at the first class.

Message for student

Visit the WTO website: <https://www.wto.org/>.

Improvements in Teaching

The lecturer will try to show legal texts as well as illustrations which may facilitate participants' understanding. He will also try to refer to concrete cases and latest issues in the WTO.

Text

Essentials of WTO Law, 2nd ed. / Peter Van den Bossche; Denise Pr?vost : Cambridge University Press ,2021 , ISBN:9781108793629

The Law and Policy of the World Trade Organization, 5th ed. / Peter van den Bossche; Werner Zdouc : Cambridge University Press ,2021 , ISBN:9781108747103

Reference Material

Other references would be given in the classes.

Classroom Language

English

Keywords

International Economic Law; WTO; Dispute Settlement; WTO Crisis and Reforms