World Trade Organization Law I
27-28 March & 22-24 April 2009
Thursday evenings, semester 2, commencing 30 July 2009

World Trade Organization Law II
Tuesday evenings, semester 2, commencing 28 July 2009

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Together, these two units provide a comprehensive coverage of the law of the WTO and its context. WTO Law I, taken alone, provides an introduction to the field.

WTO Law I: Objectives
• Understand the Economic, political and historical context
• Gain an overview of the rules binding on WTO Members, a more detailed knowledge of key rules of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (‘GATT’) and an ability to apply them to fact situations
• Understand the dispute settlement system

WTO Law I: Content:
• Economics, politics and history of the WTO
• Overview of the GATT, the General Agreement on Trade in Services (‘GATS’) and the Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property (‘TRIPS’)
• WTO dispute settlement system
• Detailed analysis of GATT rules: MFN rule, rules on customs duties, non-tariff barriers, and national treatment

WTO Law I: Assessment:
1 x 3,000-3,500 word Essay (40%) and 1 x 150 minute exam (60%)

WTO Law I: Timetable:
Semester 1 Intensive: 27-28 March, 22-24 April 2009
Repeated semester 2: Thursday evenings, commencing 30 July 2009

WTO Law II: Objectives
• Build on the knowledge and understanding of WTO law gained in WTO Law I
• Acquire a sound knowledge of the entire scope of WTO law and an ability to apply the law to fact situations
• Consolidate the ability to research WTO law

WTO Law II: Content:
• Further study of the GATS: one or more specific services sectors
• Further study of the TRIPS: exceptions in the TRIPS
• Analysis of WTO rules on trade remedies: safeguards, antidumping law, and subsidies and countervailing duties
• Analysis of GATT exceptions: for health, environmental, and quarantine reasons
• Analysis of the GATT/GATS exceptions for free trade areas and customs unions

WTO Law II: Assessment:
1 x 120 minute exam (40%) and 1 x 5,000 word research essay (60%)

WTO Law II: Timetable:
Semester 2: Tuesday evenings, commencing 28 July 2009

Fee:
$2,310 - $2,550*
*Dependent upon enrolment category

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