

# **Course Specifications**

| <b>Course Title:</b> | INTERNATIONAL TRADE LAW  |
|----------------------|--------------------------|
| Course Code:         | LAW 461                  |
| Program:             | BACHELOR OF LAW          |
| Department:          | LAW                      |
| College:             | LAW                      |
| Institution:         | PRINCE SULTAN UNIVERSITY |







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### **A. Course Identification**

| 1. Credit hours:3  |  |  |  |  |
|--|--|--|--|--|
| 2. Course type   |  |  |  |  |
| a. University College Department Cothers                   |  |  |  |  |
| b. Required X Elective                                     |  |  |  |  |
| 3. Level/year at which this course is offered: Fourth Year |  |  |  |  |
| 4. Pre-requisites for this course (if any): LAW243         |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| 5. Co-requisites for this course (if any):                 |  |  |  |  |
| Not available  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |

#### 6. Mode of Instruction (mark all that apply)

| No | Mode of Instruction   | <b>Contact Hours</b> | Percentage |
|----|-----------------------|----------------------|------------|
| 1  | Traditional classroom | 30                   | 67         |
| 2  | Blended               | 15                   | 33         |
| 3  | E-learning            |                      |            |
| 4  | Distance learning     |                      |            |
| 5  | Other                 |                      |            |

#### 7. Contact Hours (based on academic semester)

| No | Activity          | Contact Hours |
|----|-------------------|---------------|
| 1  | Lecture           | 45            |
| 2  | Laboratory/Studio |               |
| 3  | Tutorial          |               |
| 4  | Others (specify)  |               |
|    | Total             | 45            |

### **B.** Course Objectives and Learning Outcomes

#### 1. Course Description

The course aims to provide an in-depth knowledge and understanding of the laws relating to international trade. It provides a deep overview over the laws, rules and conventions on international sale of goods, trade in goods and service, carriage of goods by air, sea, and road, instruments used in various international business contract, dispute resolution etc. This course examines the distinctive issues, current relevant principles, concepts and problems involved in international trade. The course helps the student to understand the basic principles of international business and their impact on the world's economy and to learn the operational mechanism of international trade.

#### 2. Course Main Objective

- (1) To equip the students with the necessary knowledge on general principles of international trade law.
- (2) To assist the student to trace the various sources of international trade law and the different types of contracts involved in international trade.
- (3) To develop the students' understanding of the underlying theories and practices on the international trade.

# **3. Course Learning Outcomes**

| CLOs |  | Aligned<br>PLOs |
|------|--|-----------------|
| 1    | Knowledge and Understanding  |                 |
| 1.1  | Understand the theoretical and legal basis of international trade law, its nature and development.   | PLO 1           |
| 1    |  |                 |
| 2    | Skills :   |                 |
| 2.1  | Develop problem-solving skills in trade law by applying the legal principles to any fact situation given.  | PLO 4,          |
| 2.2  | Apply critical thinking through case scenarios and legal research and<br>produce a competent analysis on selected areas of international trade law,<br>such as international sale of goods, financing international trade,<br>transportation of goods and dispute settlement in international trade. | PLO 4, 5        |
| 3    | Values:  |                 |
| 3.1  | Demonstrate ability to work in group to perform research assignment or<br>solve the problem in a hypothetical scenario during the tutorial/class<br>activities.  | PLO 7 & 8       |

### **C.** Course Content

| No | List of Topics  | Contact<br>Hours |
|----|---|------------------|
| 1  | <ul> <li>Introduction to International Trade Law</li> <li>Nature, development and theories of International Law</li> <li>The Making of International Law</li> <li>Sources of International Law</li> <li>Advantages and disadvantages of International Law</li> </ul>  | 6                |
| 2  | Introduction to GATT and WTO<br>- the role and weaknesses of GATT<br>- the objectives and principles<br>- functions of WTO<br>WTO Agreements<br>Contracts of International Sale of Goods<br>- The Concept of the Contract of Sale<br>- United Nation's Convention on Contracts for<br>the International Sale of Goods (CISG)<br>- Scope of the CISG<br>- The rule of Interpretation of CISG | 7                |
| 3  | International Sale of Goods<br>- components of contract of international sale of goods<br>- contracts of carriage of goods & insurance<br>- incoterms – CIF,CFR, FOB etc.   | 6                |

| 4 | Vienna Convention/ CISG<br>- structure & scope of CISG<br>- formalities of contract of sale<br>- obligations of seller<br>- obligations of buyer<br>- breach and remedies  | 9  |
|---|--|----|
| 5 | <ul> <li>Financing foreign trade</li> <li>open account</li> <li>advance payment</li> <li>bill of exchange</li> <li>bill of lading</li> <li>letter of credit</li> </ul>   | 6  |
| 6 | International transportation of goods <ul> <li>Trade Terms</li> <li>sea transport</li> <li>air transport</li> <li>rail &amp; road transport</li> </ul>   | 6  |
| 7 | <ul> <li>Contract for intellectual property</li> <li>Introduction to Intellectual Property</li> <li>The creation of intellectual property rights</li> <li>Copyrights, Patents, Trademarks, Know-how</li> <li>International intellectual property organizations</li> <li>Intellectual property treaties</li> <li>The international transfer of intellectual property</li> </ul> | 5  |
|   | Total  | 45 |

### **D.** Teaching and Assessment

### 1. Alignment of Course Learning Outcomes with Teaching Strategies and Assessment Methods

| Code | Course Learning Outcomes                | Teaching Strategies | Assessment Methods |
|------|---|---------------------|--------------------|
| 1.0  | Knowledge and Understanding             |                     |                    |
|      | Understand the theoretical and legal    | Lectures            | Major exams        |
| 1.1  | basis of international trade law, its   | Group Discussion    | Class discussions  |
|      | nature and development.                 | Case analysis       | Final exams        |
| 2.0  | Skills                                  |                     |                    |
|      | Develop problem-solving skills in       |                     | Major exams        |
|      | trade law by applying the legal         | Lectures            | Class discussions  |
| 2.1  | principles to any fact situation given. | Group Discussion    | Final exams        |
|      |   | Case analysis       | Assignments        |
|      |   |                     | Case study         |
| 2.2  | Apply critical thinking through case    | Lectures            | Major exams        |
|      | scenarios and legal research and        | Group Discussion    | Class discussions  |

|     | produce a competent analysis on<br>selected areas of international trade<br>law, such as international sale of<br>goods, financing international trade,<br>transportation of goods and dispute<br>settlement in international trade. | Case analysis   | Final exams<br>Assignments<br>Case study |
|-----|--|---|--|
| 3.0 | Values   |   |  |
| 3.1 | Demonstrate ability to work in group<br>to perform research assignment or<br>solve the problem in a hypothetical<br>scenario during the tutorial/class<br>activities.  | Tutorial<br>Problem solving<br>exercises<br>Discussions | Group assignment                         |
| 3.2 |  |   |  |
|     |  |   |  |

#### 2. Assessment Tasks for Students

| # | Major 1                   | 6   | 20% |
|---|---------------------------|-----|-----|
| 1 | Major 2                   | 10  | 20% |
| 2 | Assignment & presentation | 13  | 15% |
| 3 | Class activities          | TBC | 5%  |
| 4 | Final exams               | TBC | 40% |
| 5 |                           |     |     |
| 6 |                           |     |     |
| 7 |                           |     |     |
| 8 |                           |     |     |

\*Assessment task (i.e., written test, oral test, oral presentation, group project, essay, etc.)

#### E. Student Academic Counseling and Support

Arrangements for availability of faculty and teaching staff for individual student consultations and academic advice:

- 4 weekly office hours.
- Contact by email
- Using moodle to make any necessary announcement.

#### **F. Learning Resources and Facilities**

#### **1.Learning Resources**

| Essential References<br>Materials |   |
|-----------------------------------|---|
| Electronic Materials              | <ul> <li>Articles that will be referred to from time to time.</li> <li>Relevant materials available in the library for research assignment</li> </ul> |
| Other Learning<br>Materials       | <ul><li>The WTO Website</li><li>CISG Commentary</li></ul>   |

#### **2. Facilities Required**

| Item  | Resources  |  |
|---|--|--|
| Accommodation<br>(Classrooms, laboratories, demonstration<br>rooms/labs, etc.)  | Lecture room with internet access and multimedia |  |
| <b>Technology Resources</b><br>(AV, data show, Smart Board, software,<br>etc.)  | Smart board                                      |  |
| Other Resources<br>(Specify, e.g. if specific laboratory<br>equipment is required, list requirements or<br>attach a list) |  |  |

### **G.** Course Quality Evaluation

| Evaluation<br>Areas/Issues                        | Evaluators   | <b>Evaluation Methods</b>           |
|---|--------------|-------------------------------------|
| Course exit survey                                | Students     | Indirect                            |
| Online Course evaluation survey                   | Students     | Indirect                            |
| Peer review                                       | Faculty      | Direct<br>Co-signing of final exams |
| Class observation of teaching quality             | Chairperson  | Direct                              |
| Teaching and course learning outcomes achievement | Faculty      | Direct<br>Course assessment report  |
| Action plan continuity<br>(Closing the loop)      | QA Committee | PLO assessment report               |
|   |              |                                     |

**Evaluation areas** (e.g., Effectiveness of teaching and assessment, Extent of achievement of course learning outcomes, Quality of learning resources, etc.)

**Evaluators** (Students, Faculty, Program Leaders, Peer Reviewer, Others (specify) Assessment Methods (Direct, Indirect)

### **H. Specification Approval Data**

Council / Committee

Curriculum Committee

|               | Department Council<br>College Council                |
|---------------|--|
| Reference No. | 5 <sup>th</sup> session of the College Council 21/22 |
| Date          | 21. February 2022                                    |

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