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Course description

Research Seminar "World Trade Organization"

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1. **Course name, ECTS, quarter / semester, contact hours**

Research Seminar "World Trade Organization", 3 ECTS, Quarter 4, Semester 2, 24 contact hours

2. **Author of the course**

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3. **Outline**

The course forms the advanced part of the schedule of Law School and operates on the multidiscipline legal knowledge of the students. The course provides a comprehensive legal analysis of the system of the World Trade Organization agreements as applied by the WTO Dispute settlement body. The course secures a complex scrutiny of the WTO treaties as interpreted in case law and state practice, and addresses the matters of the implementation of those rules into the national legal systems. The course is based on the analysis of the dispute settlement reports and puts particular emphasis on the systemic issues of the functioning of the WTO, trade defence instruments, enforcement of the procedural rights of the WTO members, customs tariffs and duties, methods of levying such duties, most-favoured nation and national treatment regimes, the use of quotas.

4. **Structure and content**

№	Topic	Seminars	Self-study
1.	System of international economic law	2	8
2.	History of international economic law	2	8
3.	WTO Agreements	4	12
4.	WTO law and public international law	2	8
5.	Procedural aspects of WTO dispute settlement	4	12
6.	Most-favoured nation and national treatment	6	24
7.	Tariffs and non-tariff barriers	3	12
8.	Perspectives of the international economic law development	1	6
	Total:	24	90

5. **Prerequisites**

Perfect command of the theory of law, Roman law, constitutional law, administrative law, and public international law is compulsory**.** Due to voluminous reading of dispute settlement reports implied, fluent English reading and writing skills are necessarily required.

6. **Assessment**
coursework (20%): 1 x 2000-word essay
oral examination (80%): interview on the course material