

	SGT UNIVERSITY, GURGAON		
	FACULTY OF LAW		
	SYLLABUS		FOL FORM 1
PROGRAMME	SEMESTER	COURSE NAME	COURSE CODE
LL.B. (Hons)	IV	GATT (The General Agreements on Tariffs and Trade)	08040409

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(The General Agreements on Tariffs and Trade)

Course Objective:

The main objective of this course is to acquaint the student of law with the fundamentals of the International Trade Law. An overview to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) and its successor, the WTO (World Trade Organization) will be provided in this course. To understand the history, genesis, structure and functions of the WTO to develop evaluation from a legal perspective. To understand how the principle of free trade is promoted with the exceptions. Likewise, the central mechanism i.e. WTO dispute settlement system, being a mode for member countries to hold each other accountable for commitments they have made will be discussed.

I. Introduction

- Historical Background of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT, 1947)
- Evolution of WTO-World Trade Organization
- Liberalization, Privatization and Globalization (LPG)

II. WTO (World Trade Organization)

- Role of the WTO in International Trade
- Organizational structure of the WTO
- Issues concerning implementation of WTO agreements and rulings
- Dispute Settlement Mechanism within the WTO

III. Non-Discrimination

- National Treatment:-Concept of “*Like products*”
- Most Favored Nation Treatment: Advantages of the MFN rule
- Regional Trade Agreements, Free Trade Areas, etc.

IV. Protection of Domestic Industry

- Antidumping Measures
- Subsidies and Countervailing Duties
- Agreement on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures

Course Outcome: After the completion of the course the students will be able to:

1. Work efficiently and with critical engagement with primary international law concepts, having due regard to the practical implementation of the principles in actual scenario;
2. Develop coherent, comprehensive and persuasive international trade law arguments from an adversarial point of view;
3. Understand the various dimensions of the various aspects of the international trade related law relating to the concepts like GATT, WTO, free trade, etc;
4. Understand the various aspects of the implementation of these principles in the Indian context;
5. Demonstrate a high level of skill on academic and professional legal writing.

Suggested Reading Materials for Reference

1. Bhala, Raj *Modern GATT Law: A Treatise on the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade* (Thompson, Sweet and Maxwell 2005).
2. E. Appleton, Michael G. Plummer, *The World Trade Organization: Legal, Economic and Political Analysis*, Springer Science & Business Media.
3. Amrita Narlikar, Martin Daunton, Robert M. Stern, *The Oxford Handbook on The World Trade Organization*, OUP Oxford.
4. Mavroidis, Petros C. *The General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade* (OUP 2005).
5. Schnitzer, Simone *Understanding International Trade Law* (Law Matters Publishing, 2006).