



School of Economics and Management

NEKU12, Economics: International Trade Policy and Trade Law, 90 credits

*Economics: International Trade Policy and Trade Law, 90
högskolepoäng*

Second Cycle / Avancerad nivå

Details of approval

The syllabus was approved by The Board of the Department of Economics on 2012-06-18 to be valid from 2012-06-18, autumn semester 2012.

General Information

The course is offered as a commissioned education.

This is a Master of Science course that is commissioned by Trapca to be in accordance with the academic quality requirements of Lund University and performed in line with the contract between Sida and Lund University.

Language of instruction: English

Teaching is in English. (Some terms, teaching may be in French or Portuguese, see the information when the course is announced.)

Main field of studies

International Trade Policy and Trade Law

Depth of study relative to the degree requirements

AXX, Second cycle, in-depth level of the course cannot be classified

Learning outcomes

Knowledge and understanding

Students shall demonstrate:

- an ability to think critically, strategically and independently,
- an appreciation of the history of economic thought on free trade and some major free trade controversies,
- a deep understanding of the major trade theories and in particular the implications of various modern trade theories on the trade of LDCs,

- an advanced knowledge of international trade policy, international trade law, global and regional trade agreements, international trade organisations,
- a highly developed global mindset with a grasp of international trade regulation and policy issues with a focus on LDCs,
- an enhanced understanding of the linkages between international trade law, trade policy and development,
- an enhanced understanding of bilateral, regional, and multilateral international trade negotiations, agreements, institutions and related processes.

Competence and skills

Students shall demonstrate:

- an ability to reflect independently and critically on a number of arguments concerning international trade policy and trade law,
- an enhanced quest for practical innovation and creativity in trade policy design, administration and management,
- an ability to manage diversity in various domestic and international trade institutions,
- an ability to early recognize trends in international trade work and to effectively engage in its development,
- an ability to carry out advanced analyses of international trade, trade policy, trade law and trade negotiations on a bilateral and multilateral level,
- an ability to communicate and explain, in writing and speeches, their analyses and conclusions clearly and concisely for colleagues, politicians and a wider audience.

Judgement and approach

Students shall have developed the ability to pursue practical work in trade policy and government organisations dealing with trade issues. Furthermore, they shall have developed an ability to pursue further studies in the subject and should be able to search for and evaluate information with a high degree of independence and integrity. The students shall also have developed the ability to individually write, present and defend a thesis at the relevant master level.

Course content

The course deals with the mechanisms, determinants, structure, and effects of international trade, trade policy and trade law. Special interest is devoted to commercial trade issues globally and in LDCs and Africa. The program also analyses the roles of trade and trade policy in economic development, macroeconomic performance, exchange rates and balance of payments policies. Furthermore, the course educates the students in the theory, practice and tactics of bilateral and multilateral negotiations and cooperation. It also gives the students knowledge in international trade leadership and management.

Course design

1. Teaching: Tuition consists of lectures and seminar activities. The students also have to perform a minor part as pre-session self-studies to prepare for the lectures and seminars.

Assessment

1. Examination: Examination consists of written exams, term papers and active participation in lectures and seminars.

2. Limitations on the number of examination opportunities: –

The University views plagiarism very seriously, and will take disciplinary action against students for any kind of attempted malpractice in connection with examinations and assessments. Plagiarism is considered to be a very serious academic offence. The penalty that may be imposed for this, and other unfair practices in examinations or assessments, includes suspension from the University for a specified period.¹

Subcourses that are part of this course can be found in an appendix at the end of this document.

Grades

Marking scale: Fail, E, D, C, B, A.

1. Grading: The official grading scale is A, B, C, D, E and Fail.

2. Weighting grades from different parts of the course: –

3. Grading scales for different parts of the course: –

Entry requirements

The general admission requirements for the Master Course in International Trade Policy and Trade Law are as follows:

- a good first degree in economics, law, social science or another relevant field or a Trapca diploma in international trade policy and trade law,
- work experience from a trade or development related area in government, the wider public sector, private sector or non-governmental/civil society organisation,
- a good command of the English language,
- originating from a LDC.

When the course is given in French or Portuguese, the requirement of a good command of the English language is replaced by a requirement of a good command of French or Portuguese.

Depending on availability, participants from low-income sub-Saharan African countries, not classified as LDCs, may be admitted. Moreover, highly qualified graduates without work experience may be considered in exceptional circumstances.

Further information

1. Transitional regulations: This course replaces NEKU11 "Master Course in International Trade Policy and Trade Law".

2. Limitations in the period of validity: –

3. Limitations: This course may not be included in the same degree as NEKU11 "Master Course in International Trade Policy and Trade Law".

4. Similar courses: –

5. Limitations in renewed examination: –

Subcourses in NEKU12, Economics: International Trade Policy and Trade Law

Applies from H12

1201 Internal Trade Policy and Trade Law, 90,0 hp
Grading scale: Fail, E, D, C, B, A