

**International Trade and Finance, Law 8832**  
**Spring 2008**  
**Professor Colin Picker**

**1. General Information**

Class meets Tuesdays and Thursdays 10:00 to 11:15 AM, Room 2-300B

UMKC Law School Class **Attendance Policy** fully applicable

There will be a mandatory Library & Westlaw international law resources training session during the early part of the semester in the library. This training session will stand in for a later cancelled class. Attendance will be taken.

Office Hours are Tuesdays & Thursdays 11:30 to 12:30 or by appointment, Room 2-307

My office number is 5928, my e-mail is [pickerc@umkc.edu](mailto:pickerc@umkc.edu)

Readings assignments will be handed out periodically.

**2. Materials**

International Economic Relations, 4th Edition, Jackson, Davey, and Sykes (West 2002)  
Additional material will be assigned from the Internet (Treaties, etc.) and Westlaw/Lexis.

**3. Course Evaluation**

70% based on a 4000 word (maximum - not including footnotes) research paper -  
“Present Day International Trade & Finance Law Issues”

Two in-class quizzes – one half way through the semester, one in the last week of the semester, each worth 15% of the total grade.

I reserve the right to raise/lower one or more letter grades (e.g. B to B+, B to B- or C+) for good/bad participation. Typically students that keep on top of the reading will not experience a grade reduction.

**4. Draft Course Outline**

A. Introduction to International Trade & Finance

B. International Trade Law and U.S. Law

C. GATT and WTO Origins and Institutions

D. WTO Dispute Settlement

E. Tariffs, Quotas and other Non-Tariff Barriers to Trade

F. National Treatment and Most Favored Nation

G. Safeguards, Dumping and Subsidies/CVD

H. Trade and Agriculture, Human Rights, National Security, Environment, Labor Rights, and other issues.

I. International Financial Institutions - the IMF and World Bank

## **5. Present Day Int'l Trade & Finance Law Issues Papers and Presentations**

Students will investigate and research an issue facing international trade and/or finance law today. The topic and thesis must be approved. They will then draft a paper of 4000 words or less (footnotes not included).

Research and investigative techniques will be discussed early in the semester during class, and then students will choose their issue. Examples of pertinent issues from which more narrow questions may be derived include, but are not limited to, the following:

- The WTO Dispute Settlement Body
- Present day disputes (e.g. Zeroing cases, Boeing-Airbus, GMOs)
- Regional Trade Agreements
- The Bretton Woods Institutions
- The Role of NGOs
- Trade and Human Rights
- Trade and the Environment
- Trade and Labor Rights
- Trade and Security
- Trade in Services (e.g. legal services)
- The Doha Round

One draft may be submitted for review (electronically and by hard copy) during the day of Monday March 31<sup>st</sup> and at no other time.

During the semester students will be asked to submit a description of the subject to be covered, a thesis, a list of sources, and an outline. Failure to submit these requirements at the scheduled time may result in reduction of the class grade.

Final papers are due electronically Monday April 28<sup>th</sup> by noon, and in paper-form Tuesday April 29<sup>th</sup> by noon.

5 minute presentations on student's research, not graded, will take place the final week of class with the expectation that final papers will reflect any comments at that time.