INTERNATIONAL TRADE LAW E 545 A & B DRAFT SYLLABUS

MW 3:30-5:20 pm Wm. Gates Hall 118

Guzman & Pauwelyn Documents Supplement 2012
Optional Text: Folsom, Gordon & Spanogle, Principles of International Business
Transactions, Trade & Economic Relations (3rd edition coming soon)
Canvas Website: https://canvas.uw.edu/courses/882911

UW Law School Attendance Policy:
Under changes to ABA Accreditation Standard 304, adopted in August 2004, a law school shall require regular and punctual class attendance. At any time after the fifth week of a course (halfway through a summer session course), a student who has been determined by the instructor to have attended fewer than 80 percent of the class sessions in any course will be required to drop the course from his or her registration upon the instructor’s so indicating to the Academic Services Office. An instructor may also impose stricter attendance standards or other sanctions for nonattendance, including lowering of a grade, provided that students are informed at the start of the course of the instructor’s attendance rules and possible sanctions.

The instructor referred to in paragraph 1 should take attendance with such regularity as is needed to insure reasonable accuracy in determining a student’s attendance record.

Class Participation Policy for This Course: Each student is expected to be prepared to discuss the assigned readings for each class. The primary focus of class discussion will be the assigned reading.

For administrative convenience, however, and to insure that all students are given an equivalent opportunity to participate in class discussions, I will normally call on students in alphabetical order (or reverse alphabetical order) after the first day of class.
Students who are called upon and found to be unprepared should expect to be called upon in the next class. If you expect to be called on but for some reason cannot prepare for class, please tell me before class that you need additional time and when you will be prepared.

If you cannot attend class, please provide me with advance notice if possible or an explanation for your absence if advance notice is not possible. Failure to provide any advance notice or subsequent explanation for an absence will result in the absence being considered as unexcused.

An email list has been created for this class. Announcements related to class administration will be made to the email list. Each student is responsible for making sure that he or she can receive messages sent to the official class email list.

A Canvas website has been created for this class. Material posted to the website becomes part of the required materials for the course unless otherwise noted. Each student is responsible for making sure that he or she can access the material on the Canvas website.

In addition to the final exam, students may be required to participate in other assessment exercises. These may take the form of online class participation exercises, or drafting exercises to be completed outside of class. Participation in these assessment exercises is a required part of class participation.

In particular, I may organize students into teams of 4-6 students to work on a few (2-4?) in-class problem solving activities related to the trade law we are covering with the textbook. These activities take place in class, and will be counted as part of your class participation grade. I will provide more information about “team based learning” before the first activity. More information about TBL is available in this 12 minute video: http://www.utexas.edu/academic/ctl/largeclasses/#tbl

**Grading:** Grades will be based 80% on exam results and 20% on class participation. The exam will be 4 hours and may include essay, short-answer and multiple-choice questions. The exam will be open book and will cover all materials discussed in class or covered in the assigned readings.

Students will be required to use Exam4 to take the exam in CLOSED mode. For the exam on Tuesday 18 March 2014, you are required to have access to a computer with Exam4 in order to take the exam. Academic Services can help you with any technological or other problems associated with using Exam4.

I am providing a hard copy of the 2010 International Trade Law exam, and a copy will also be posted on the Canvas course website. An optional exam review session is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday 12 March 2014 from 12:30-1:20. At that time, we can discuss the old exam or other questions.

**Contact Outside of Class:** I am happy to set up meetings with students outside of class at mutually convenient times. If you would like to speak with me outside of class, please feel free to stop by my office, telephone me or send me an email to schedule a meeting. I also try to respond to email queries
as soon as practicable. If you send me an email query and I do not respond, please resend as I may have missed the first message.

**Rescheduled Classes:** Due to unavoidable schedule conflicts, I regret I may miss some classes. If so, then I will schedule makeup classes for any missed classes, or I will record Internet video lectures, or provide some other mechanism to cover the missed classes.

**Podcasts:** Audio recordings of class will be made and the recordings distributed as podcasts. Access to the podcasts will be restricted to students enrolled in this class and will end after the exam. The quality of the recordings is generally quite low.

**Communications Protocols:** I believe that email communications should be treated like written communications, not spoken communications. I try to respond to email communications from students with regard to class matters in a timely and effective way. I regret that sometimes I cannot respond as quickly as I would like, and that sometimes I lose track of emails altogether. If you suspect that I have lost track of a message that you have sent and you still need a reply, please resend the message noting that it is a second attempt. To assist me in keeping up with my emails, I ask that students emailing me with questions related to class take time to organize their thoughts before composing and sending the message, and to be concise. I also ask that you acknowledge receipt of my reply, even if it is only to say “thanks.”

**Tentative Draft Syllabus:** Here is a tentative list of reading assignments.

- Chapter 1 Trade & Economic Policy
- Chapter 2 Trade Debate among Economists
- Chapter 3 Trade Agreements and National Law pp. 53-61; skip remainder
- Chapter 4 WTO History & Structure
- Chapter 5 WTO Dispute Settlement
- Chapter 6 Special Topics in WTO Dispute Settlement
- Chapter 7 Tariffs
- Chapter 8 Quantitative Restrictions
- Chapter 9 National Treatment: Taxation pp. 245-262; skip remainder
- Chapter 10 National Treatment: Regulation
- Chapter 11 Most Favored Nation pp. 303-318; skip remainder
- Chapter 12 Preferential Trade Agreements
- Chapter 13 General Exceptions: GATT Article XX
- Chapter 14 General Exceptions: GATT Article XX Chapeau pp. 391-413; skip remainder
- Chapter 15 Subsidies & Countervailing Duties pp. 425-442; skip remainder
- Chapter 16 Dumping and Anti-Dumping pp. 467-479; skip remainder
- Chapter 17 Safeguards pp. 507-515; skip remainder
- Chapter 19 Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade (separate handout of updated chapter)