International Trade and Investment Law
Course Syllabus
Fall 2014

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A. Course Summary:

This course will cover international law in the area of international trade and investment, with a preliminary focus on the law and administrative structures of the World Trade Organization, and then a focus on bilateral and multilateral investment treaties and relevant dispute settlement jurisprudence.

B. Logistics
My office is on the West end of the third floor. My telephone number is 205/348-5831, and my email is djoyner@law.ua.edu. My assistant is Donna Tucker (Rm. 350, 205/348-7656). I am in my office pretty much all the time, so feel free to drop by any time the door is open. If you want to make sure I'll be there, please email me and we can set up an appointment. Students with learning disabilities are encouraged to meet with me early in the semester so we can discuss any special needs that you may have.

C. Required Texts:
1. Andrew Guzman & Joost Pauwelyn, INTERNATIONAL TRADE LAW (2nd ed., 2012)(GP)
2. Document Supplement to the Guzman & Pauwelyn book.
3. Rudolph Dolzer & Christoph Schreuer, Principles of International Investment Law (2nd ed., 2012)(DS)
4. Additional readings will be distributed periodically.

D. Grading:
Your grade will be based primarily on a comprehensive final exam. However, as participation in class discussions is essential, your grade may be raised or lowered a half level based on the quality of your class participation. I encourage you to ask questions and make comments in class. I will also call on students at random to answer questions, and to brief and examine cases and problems. You should come to class having read and thought about the assigned material, including the questions in the text and any problems which are assigned.

E. Approximate Schedule (may be modified as necessary):

Week 1 – Course Introduction; WTO Theory and Structure
Reading – GP Chapters 1 & 2

Week 2 – Background of the GATT/WTO; GATT/WTO Dispute Settlement System
Reading – GP Chapter 4, 5

Week 3 – Tariffs and Non-tariff Barriers
Reading – GP Chapters 7 & 8

Week 4 – Most Favored Nation Rule and Preferential Trade Agreements
Reading – GP Chapters 11 & 12

Week 5– National Treatment Rule
Reading – GP Chapters 9 & 10

Week 6 – Article XX & Article XXI
Reading – GP Chapters 13 & 14

Week 7 – Subsidies & Dumping
Reading – GP Chapters 15 & 16

Week 8 – SPS & TRIPS
Reading – GP Chapters 18 & 21

Week 9 – International Investment Law – Introduction, History, Sources
Reading – DS Chapter I

Week 10 – Investors and Investments, Admission and Establishment
Reading – DS Chapters III, IV, V

Week 11 – Expropriation
Reading – DS Chapter VI

Week 12 – Standards of Protection
Reading – DS Chapter VII

Week 13 - Settling Investment Disputes
Reading – DS Chapter X