Descriptor for Module

Module Title:	**International Trade Law**
Module Team:	C.H.Spurin
Credits:	10M
Code:	
Pre-requisite(s):	None
Co-requisite(s):	None

Award(s) for which module is a core requirement:
None

Aims of the module:
The aim of this module is to provide students with both theoretical underpinning and practical experience of dispute settlement of disputes common to the import and export industry, in particular where transport by sea is involved, and to ensure that students are familiar with the tactics peculiar to this specialised branch of the law in order that they can engage in a professional and competent manner in international trade dispute resolution processes.

Synopsis of module content:

- F.o.b. and c.i.f. sales contracts with particular reference to the duties, rights and liabilities of buyers and sellers in the furnishing and taking delivery of both goods and documents and the passing of risk and property and legal strategies and tactics involved in prosecuting and defending claims.
- Consignors and carriers and consignees and and carriers duties, rights and liabilities in respect of contracts for the carriage of goods by sea under a range of contracts including f.o.b., c.i.f. and delivery contracts with particular reference to the role and status of sea way bills and bills of lading and including the non-delivery / shipment of goods, the non-production of documents and limitiation of liability and legal strategies and tactics involved in prosecuting and defending claims
- Bailor / bailee legal relations, with particular reference to damage to goods sustained during storage or transit not governed by contracts of carriage, the terms of bailment and sub-bailment which rely on omportation from another contract such as a contract of carriage or and initial bailment agreement and legal strategies and tactics involved in prosecuting and defending claims.

Teaching Methods:
2 hours per week, involving guided reading, lectures and workshops. Lectures will be used to set out the substantive law of international trade. In workshops students will be required to engage in dispute resolution processes and settle hypothetical disputes.

Learning Outcomes:
Students will be able to:

1 A2, B1, C2 - demonstrate the ability to make informed, structured and cogent written and oral presentations as to arbitrators and other appointed dispute settlement panels on behalf of clients in respect of trade claims.

2 B4, C3, C4 - demonstrate the ability to undertake the role of adjudicator / arbitrator and reach balanced decisions in respect of hypothetical trade disputes

Key Common Transferable Skills delivered by this module:

- D1 Interactive and Group Skills . Workshop Problem Solving Exercises.
- D2 Communication and Presentation Skills : Communicate the above in a confident professional manner
- D3 Psycho-Motor Skills : Discuss, devise and implement strategies and tactics for the prosecution of hypothetical claims and corresponding defences to actions common to international trade. Isolate, clarify, assess hypothetical claims and corresponding defences to actions common to international trade.
- D4 Planning and Management of Learning Skills : Organising and producing Award.

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Assessment requirements:

Coursework : 40% - 2,500 –4,000 words. Adjudication / arbitration award based on a hypothetical dispute.

Examination : 60%. 2 ½ hours and ½ hour reading time, requiring candidates to discuss dispute resolution practice and procedure involved in the settlement of hypothetical disputes or in providing solutions or client advice to problems applying fact and law to given hypothetical situations.

Concise Indicative Reading List:

Reading Lists will be updated annually.

Textbooks

- **Branch A**.. *Export Practice*. Chapman.
- **Branch A**.. *Import/Export Documentation*. Chapman Hall.
- **Carr I.** *Principles of International Trade Law*. Cavendish.
- **Carr I**. *Statutes and Conventions on International Trade Law*. Cavendish
- **Chuah J.C.T**. *Law of International Trade*. Sweet & Maxwell
- **Day D.M**. *The Law of International Trade*. Butterworths
- **Glass D & Cashmore C**. *Introduction to Carriage of Goods.* Sweet & Maxwell
- **Goode R.M**. *Commercial Law.* Penguin
- **Kader A**. *Export Law.* Woodhead-Faulkner
- **Mitchelhill A**. *Bills of Lading Law and Practice*. Chapman
- **Odeke A**. *Law of International Trade.* Blackstone's Press
- **Sassoon D** *C,I,F. & F.O.B. contracts*. Stevens
- **Schmitthoff C.M**. *The Law and Practice of International Trade*. Stevens.
- **Selman P**. *Law of International Trade*. Old Bailey Press.
- **Walker A.** *International Trade Procedures*. Butterworth.

Journals

- **Lloyds Maritime Comparative Law Quarterly**

Websites

- **David Martin Clark –** www.onlinedmc.co.uk
- **Nationwide Academy of Dispute Resolution -** www.nadr.co.uk

Electronic Databases

- All case data bases

Validation Details:	