

POL90012 Trade Policy Politics & Governance

Credit Points:	12.50
Level:	9 (Graduate/Postgraduate)
Dates & Locations:	2010, Parkville This subject commences in the following study period/s: Semester 1, Parkville - Taught on campus.
Time Commitment:	Contact Hours: A 2-hour seminar per week. If enrolments exceed 30, the 2nd hour of the seminar may be split into 2 or 3 small classes. Total Time Commitment: 10
Prerequisites:	Admission to the Master of International Relations, Master of Public Policy and Management, Master of International Politics, Postgraduate Diploma / Certificate or Honours in Political Science.
Corequisites:	none
Recommended Background Knowledge:	Politics and International Studies at Undergraduate level
Non Allowed Subjects:	166-546 Trade Policy and Politics
Core Participation Requirements:	For the purposes of considering request for Reasonable Adjustments under the disability Standards for Education (Cwth 2005), and Students Experiencing Academic Disadvantage Policy, academic requirements for this subject are articulated in the Subject Description, Subject Objectives, Generic Skills and Assessment Requirements of this entry. The University is dedicated to provide support to those with special requirements. Further details on the disability support scheme can be found at the Disability Liaison Unit website: http://www.services.unimelb.edu.au/disability/
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Subject Overview:	This subject examines the politics and governance of international trade. It explores the domestic and international dimensions of trade policy-making and the growing complexity of the "trade agenda" in national and international politics. It examines the evolution of the multilateral trade system since World War Two and the contemporary and future challenges that confront the World Trade Organization. The subject examines some of the perennial problems in the governance of the global trade system, as well as new issues and concerns, such as trade and the environment, trade and development, and agenda-setting and decision-making in the WTO. Finally, the subject explores the emergence of regional trade blocs and "free trade agreements" and their consequences for the multilateral trade system.
Objectives:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> # have developed an understanding of the international trade system and its key institutions. # have developed an understanding of how trade policy is developed, and the impact of trade politics on the policy process. # be able to explain some of the key problems in contemporary trade policy.
Assessment:	A 1-hour class test equivalent to 1000 words (20%) due during semester, a 1500 word desk review done as a group assignment (30%) due late semester, and a final essay of 2500 words (50%) due during the examination period.
Prescribed Texts:	A subject reader will be available for purchase from the University Bookshop.
Recommended Texts:	World Trade Organisation, <i>The World Trade Report 2007</i> (can be downloaded free from the WTO website)

Breadth Options:	This subject is not available as a breadth subject.
Fees Information:	Subject EFTSL, Level, Discipline & Census Date, http://enrolment.unimelb.edu.au/fees
Generic Skills:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"># apply research skills and critical methods.# develop persuasive arguments.# communicate oral and written arguments and ideas effectively.
Related Course(s):	Master of International Politics Master of International Relations Master of Public Policy and Management (Coursework)
Related Majors/Minors/ Specialisations:	Political Science Political Science