

OSTIM TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY FACULTY OF ECONOMICS AND ADMINISTRATIVE SCIENCES

COURSE SYLLABUS FORM 2021-2022 FALL

ITF 103 Introduction to International Trade							
Course Name	Course Code	Period	Hours	Application	Laboratory	Credit	ECTS
Introduction to International Trade	ITF 103	1	3	0	0	3	4

Language of Instruction	English
Course Status	Compulsory
Course Level	Bachelor
Learning and Teaching Techniques of the	Lecture, Discussion, Question Answer
Course	

Course Objective

The aim of the course; to provide students with basic information about International Trade and to make them understand the importance of international trade. For this purpose, the course consists of theoretical topics such as the history of international trade, important for economies, restrictions on international trade, regulatory institutions, international trade transactions, strategies to start international trade and market research. Within the scope of the course, experts in their fields will be hosted as guests and transfer their experiences to students with seminars.

Learning Outcomes

The students who succeeded in this course will be able:

- To master the basic concepts of international trade in the literature,
- To explain how global trade has come to its current state,
- To comprehend the place and importance of international trade in the global economic system,
- To learn to restrictions on international trade and how they effect on economies,
- To recognize the institutions and organizations that regulate global trade and know what they do,
- To master the basic concepts of international trade transactions like HS Code or INCOTERMS,
- To learn the international market entry strategies,
- To know how to conduct market research and from which sources of information can access market-related information.

Course Outline

In this course; First, the definition and characteristics of international trade and its contribution to economies will be taught and thus the importance of international trade will be understood. Then, the restrictions to international trade and the institutions and organizations that regulate global trade and what they do will be explained. Afterwards, risks in international trade will be discussed. After the midterm exam, basic information on international trade transactions will be given to form the basis of future field courses and internationalization strategies and market research methods will be emphasized. In the week before the exams, experienced guests from the business world will share their experiences.



	Weekly Topics and Related Preparation Studies					
Weeks	Topics	Preparation Studies				
1	Definition and Characteristics of International Trade	History of Trade and International Trade Definition and objectives of the concept of international Trade Internal vs International Trade Advantages and disadvantages of International Trade				
2	Role and Importance of International Trade	Importance of International Trade for global economy Importance of International Trade for local economies International Trade in the World and Turkey				
3	Restrictions in International Trade	Tariffs Antidumping Proceedings Quotas Voluntary Export Restrictions Other Barriers				
4	Regulatory Institutions and Organizations	General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) World Trade Organization (WTO) United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) - International Trade Centre (ITC) International Monetary Fund (IMF) World Bank (IBRD)				
5	Regulatory Institutions and Organizations	Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership European Free Trade Area (EFTA) Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) North American Free Trade Zone (NAFTA) Latin American Free Trade Zone (LAFTA)				
6	Risks in International Trade	Commercial Risks Country and Political Risks Shipping Risks Credit Risks Foreign Exchange Risks Ethics Risks				
7	Seminar					
8	Midterm					
9	International Trade Transactions	HS Code Delivery modes in international trade (INCOTERMS) Payment modes in international trade				
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11	International Market Entry Strategies	Direct Exporting Licensing Franchising Joint Ventures
12	International Market Entry Strategies	Buying a Company Partnering Piggybacking Turnkey Projects
13	Market Research	Ways to get basic information and intelligence information about the market
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15	Seminar	
16	Final Exam	

Textbook(s)/References/Materials:

- Jessie Poon & David L. Rigby (2017), *International Trade: The Basics*, 1st edition, Routledge.
- Helpman, E., (2011), *Understanding Global Trade*, 1st edition, Belknap Press: An Imprint of Harvard University Press.
- Weiss, K. D., (2007), Building an Import / Export Business, 4th Edition, Wiley.
- Reuvid, J. & Sherlock, J., (2008), *The Handbook of International Trade: A Guide to the Principles and Practice of Export,* 2nd edition, GMB Publishing.

Assessment				
Studies	Number	Contribution margin (%)		
Continuity				
Lab				
Application				
Field Study				
Course-Specific Internship (if any)				
Quizzes / Studio / Critical				
Homework				
Presentation				
Projects				
Report				
Seminar				
Attendance	16	10		
Midterm Exams / Midterm Jury	1	35		
General Exam / Final Jury	1	55		
	Total	100		
Success Grade Contribution of Semester Studies		50		
Success Grade Contribution of End of Term		50		
	Total	100		



Relationship Between Course Learning Outcomes and Program Competencies								
Nu	Learning Outcomes			Contribution Level				
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1	To learn the definition, characteristics and importance for economies of international trade					х		
2	To learn the basic information and principles of international trade transactions					х		
3	To have theoretical and practical knowledge and skills to carry out export, import, regional cooperation and organizations, free zone practices and other international trade activities					х		
4	To gain professional competencies to work in national and international commercial organizations and unions, customs, economic consultancy, public and private sector organizations					х		
5	To know the methods of finding market and customer, learning how to access information					х		
6	To learn how to enter international markets and maintain their presence in these markets					х		
7	To have the knowledge and equipment to be able to execute and complete the project by taking part in national and international projects and project teams					х		
8	To have critical, creative and innovative thinking skills to be able to carry out activities related to the field				х			
9	To be individuals with improved social and intellectual capacity, visionary, high ethical values, ability to adapt to group communication and teamwork.				x			
10	To be able to identify problems related to the field, to reach relevant sources, to be able to analyze and synthesize to produce scientific knowledge and to carry out a research, and to have a command of the legislation related to the field.					х		
11	To be aware of ethical behavior principles in all areas of international trade and act accordingly					х		

ECTS / Workload Table					
Activities	Number	Duration (Hours)	Total Workload		
Course hours (Including the exam week: 16 x total course hours)	16	3	48		
Laboratory					
Application					
Course-Specific Internship					
Field Study					
Study Time Out of Class	16	2	32		
Presentation / Seminar Preparation					
Projects					
Reports					
Homeworks					
Quizzes / Studio Review					
Preparation Time for Midterm Exams / Midterm Jury	1	2	2		
Preparation Period for the Final Exam / General Jury	1	2	2		
Total Workload	(84/25	5 = 3,3)	84		