

Annex No. 3		Second Cycle Studies Course Programme			
1.	Course Title	Regional Trade Agreements and WTO			
2.	Code	EUS 513			
3.	Study programme	European Economic Studies			
4.	Organizer of the study programme (university unit i.e. institute, chair, department)	Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje Faculty of Economics - Skopje			
5.	Level (first, second, third cycle)	Second cycle			
6.	Academic year / semester	First year/ second semester	7.	Number of ECTS credits	6
8.	Professor	Prof. Katerina Toshevska-Trpchevska, PhD Prof. Irena Kikerkova, PhD			
9.	Preconditions for enrolment	Completed first cycle of studies with 240 ECTS credits			
10.	Course Objectives (Competencies): After taking this course, students should be able to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Understand the essence of regional trade agreements. 2. Understand the differences between different types of regional trade agreements and their influence over international trade relations. 3. Understand the external trade policy of the European Union and the relations with the WTO. 4. Differentiate among positive and negative aspects from the development of regionalism vs multilateralism. 5. Understand the challenges that the multilateral trading system is facing with the development of regionalism. 				
11.	Course content: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bilateralism vs Multilateralism. 2. Analyzing article 24 as the legal basis for concluding regional trade agreements. 3. Motives for concluding regional trade agreements. 4. Effects from the functioning of regional trade agreements. 5. External trade policy of the European Union. 6. Relations of the EU with third countries and with the WTO. 7. Regional trade agreements of the USA. 8. Other important regional trade agreements and initiatives in the world. 9. Regionalism vs multilateralism 				
12.	Learning methods:				
13.	Total hours	6 ECTS x 30 classes = 180 classes			
14.	Allocation of hours per activity	24+16+40+10+90 = 180 classes			
15.	Types of teaching activates	15.1.	Lectures	24 classes	
		15.2.	Exercises (Seminars)	16 classes	
16.	Other types of activities	16.1.	Projects	40 classes	
		16.2.	Individual assignments	10 classes	
		16.3	Home study	classes	
17.	Grading method: 60+30+10=100 points				
	17.1.	Tests (Domain, Essay, Multiple choice exam, Case)	60%		
	17.2.	Assignments/project (presentation: written or oral)	30%		

	17.3.	Attendance and class participations	10%			
18.	Grading scale	less than 60 points	5 (five) (F)			
		from 61 to 68 points	6 (six) (E)			
		from 69 to 76 points	7 (seven) (D)			
		from 77 to 84 points	8 (eight) (C)			
		from 85 to 92 points	9 (nine) (B)			
		from 93 to 100 points	10 (ten) (A)			
19.	Preconditions for taking the final exam	Realized activities from points 15 and 16				
20.	Language	Macedonian				
21.	Evaluation method	Internal evaluation and survey				
22.	Literature					
	22.1.	Compulsory literature				
		No.	Author	Title	Publisher	Year
		1.	Looney, Robert E.	Handbook of International Trade Agreements (selected chapters)	Routledge	2018
		2.	Acharya Rohini, ed.	Regional Trade Agreements and the Multilateral Trading System	WTO & Cambridge University Press	2016
		3.	Hoekman B. and Kostecki M.	The Political Economy of the World Trading System, third ed.	Oxford University Press	2009
	22.2.	Additional literature				
		No.	Author	Title	Publisher	Year
		1.	WTO	Multilateralizing Regionalism: Challenges for the Global Trading System	WTO	2009
		2.	WTO	World Trade Report 2011 The WTO and preferential trade agreements: From co- existence to coherence	WTO	2011