TRADE POLICY OF CIS COUNTRIES

Syllabus of educational establishment on training discipline for the specialty 1-25 81 01 «International economics and trade policy»
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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The training discipline «Trade policy of CIS countries» is an independent discipline to learn of own choice for master students on specialty 1-25 81 01 «International economics and trade policy». In this discipline master students the features and trends in international economic integration development in CIS at all and in its sub regional integration groups (Union state of Belarus and Russia, EAEU, GUAM, Shanghai Cooperation Organization, etc.), structure and tendencies of trade and economic relations development between CIS countries including the Republic of Belarus, between them and third countries, the foreign trade policy characteristics of countries an integration groups in CIS, their policy towards international trade organizations, particularly, WTO, and towards integration groups of countries, characteristics of the Republic of Belarus foreign trade policy towards CIS countries.

The objective of the discipline teaching: developing of theoretical and practical knowledge of magistrates about the features and modern trends in international trade and economic relations, international economic integration and foreign trade policy development of CIS countries and in its sub regional integration groups, including the relations and the policy towards the Republic of Belarus, as well as trade and economic relations of the Republic of Belarus with this region and its foreign trade policy towards this region.

The tasks of the discipline teaching:
- to provide knowledge, abilities and skills about the features and trends in international economic integration development in CIS at all and in its sub regional integration groups;
- to provide knowledge, abilities and skills about structure and tendencies of trade and economic relations development between CIS countries, and between them and third countries including the Republic of Belarus;
- to provide knowledge, abilities and skills about foreign trade policy characteristics of countries an integration groups in CIS towards countries, including the Republic of Belarus, their policy towards international trade organizations, particularly, WTO, and towards integration groups of countries, about characteristics of the Republic of Belarus foreign trade policy towards CIS countries.

As a result of studying discipline master students must:

- to know:
  - the patterns and current trends in international economic integration development in CIS and WTO regulations for integration groups;
  - the tendencies and modern forms of trade and economic cooperation between CIS countries, also including their cooperation during international economic integration, with third countries and their integration groups;
  - the patterns, structure, forms and methods of trade, economic and integration relations regulation in CIS, including the relations with the Republic of Belarus, CIS foreign trade policy towards third countries, integration groups and international trade organizations;
- the modern forms of trade and economic cooperation of the Republic of Belarus with CIS countries and the Republic of Belarus foreign trade policy characteristics towards this region.

to be able to:
- assess the protectionism level of foreign trade policy of CIS countries, legally avoid international trade and economic barriers of CIS countries, flexibly varying with different forms of international economic cooperation;
- take advantage of international economic integration for development of enterprise international economic activity;
- make a well-founded organization and management decision towards enterprise international economic activity in the conditions of CIS integration region and its sub-regions;
- analyze and solve the problems of trade and economic relations of the Republic of Belarus and CIS countries;
- justify the imposition and application of tariff and no tariff measures in international trade of the Republic of Belarus for specific industries and enterprises consistent with the WTO and CIS region and sub-regions regulations, flexibly varying in different ways to protect the economic interests of industries and enterprises of the Republic of Belarus;
- examine and evaluate socio-economic, institutional and legal conditions for the Republic of Belarus enterprises international economic activity inside of CIS region.

to have skills to:
- prepare, conclude and execute of trade contract taking into account international law, the rules of the WTO, CIS and its sub-regions regulations, national law;
- ground and planning of economic processes for production, investment and scientific-technology cooperation of the Republic of Belarus and CIS countries;
- fiscal, investment and financial planning, management and organization enterprise international economic activity in the conditions of regional economic integration of CIS countries;
- take advantage of and using mechanisms of regional economic integration in CIS for minimization of negative effects of the Republic of Belarus entering into the WTO.

Links with other training disciplines: «Trade policy of CIS countries» is based on the disciplines «International microeconomics», «International microeconomics», «WTO Regulation and international trading system», «Regional Trade Agreements» and is the basis for the studying of special disciplines and training disciplines according to the choice of the master students.

In accordance with the training plan of higher educational establishment on speciality 1-25 81 01 «International economics and trade policy» training discipline is studying during 72 hours, including 36 academic study hours (26 hours of lections, 10 hours of face-to-face workshops).

Form of control is set-off.
Topic 1. Commonwealth of Independent States: characteristics and dynamics of international integration

Commonwealth of Independent States: brief characteristics of integration group, objectives, directions and characteristics of integration, structure of institutions, effects of integration.

Socio-economic characteristics of the CIS countries. CIS countries in the international economy.

Evolution of integration process. Geographical structure of sub regional integration country groups in the CIS, their brief characteristics: Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS), Union state of Belarus and Russia (Belarus-Russia Union State), Eurasian Economic Community (EAEC, EAEU), The Organization of Central Asian Cooperation (OCAC), Organization for Democracy and Economic Development (GUAM), Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO), Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU).

Characteristics of transition economic integration. Pro and contra factors of economic integration of the CIS countries.

Directions of international integration in the CIS. Free trade area of the CIS.

Topic 2. Structure and trends in international trade and economic relations of CIS countries

Structure and dynamics of trade and economic relations between CIS member-countries. Capital and enterprise international relations inside of the CIS.

Structure and dynamics of trade and economic relations of CIS countries with third countries.

Trade and economic relations of the Republic of Belarus with CIS countries.

Topic 3. External trade policy of the CIS countries

Customs and tariff regulation of external trade of the CIS countries towards third countries.

Non-tariff regulation of external trade of the CIS countries towards third countries.

External trade policy of the CIS member-states towards the CIS member-states.

Topic 4. Union state of Belarus and Russia

Union state of Belarus and Russia: brief characteristics of integration group, objectives, directions and characteristics of integration, structure of institutions, evolution of integration process, effects of integration.

Customs union of Belarus and Russia. Difference from the European Union.

Economic and monetary union of Belarus and Russia perspectives of creation. Difference from the European Union.
Development of political union of Belarus and Russia. Difference from the European Union.
Problems and perspectives of economic integration in Union state of Belarus and Russia.

**Topic 5. Customs union and Common Economic Space**
Customs union of the Belarus, Russia and Kazakhstan: brief characteristics, objectives, directions and characteristics of integration, structure of institutions, evolution of integration process, effects of integration.
Structure and dynamics of mutual trade economic relations between Customs union member-countries.
Structure and dynamics of trade and economic relations of Customs union member-countries with third countries.
Common external trade policy of the Customs union. Customs and tariff policy of Customs union member-countries. Non-membership of the Customs union member-countries. Difference of the Customs union from the Customs union of European Union.

**Topic 6. Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU)**
Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU): characteristics, objectives, directions and characteristics of integration, structure of institutions, evolution of integration process, effects of integration.
External trade policy of the countries involved in the EAEU: Azerbaijan, Ukraine, Moldova, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan, Georgia. Perspectives of access in to EAEU.
Economic union of EAEU - perspective information. Difference from the European Union.

**Topic 7. Relations of countries with international trade organizations**
Accession of EAEU countries into the World Trade Organization (WTO).
Low income transition economies in WTO (Armenia, Georgia, Kirgizstan, Moldova): conditions of accession and policy of this organization.
Accession process and policy characteristics of Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan and Ukraine in WTO.
Relations of the CIS countries with international trade organizations: EU and World Customs Organization, EC and UNCTAD development (UNCTAD) etc.
Topic 8. Relations of the CIS countries with regional integration groups

Interregional international integration of the CIS countries and its sub regions. Relations of the CIS countries with Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC), European union (EU) and other integration groups of world countries.

European neighborhood policy of the EU towards the CIS countries: objectives and instruments. Avoiding the emergence of dividing lines. Strengthening the prosperity, stability and security. Political and economic cooperation of the EU with neighbor countries of the CIS. Regional and bilateral co-operation initiatives, including the Eastern Partnership. Action Plan between the EU and European neighborhood policy partners from the CIS.
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INFORMATION AND METODIC PART

Methodological recommendations on organization of independent work of master students in training discipline

In receiving knowledge on training discipline an important stage is the independent work of master students. We recommend that the budget time for independent work on average from 1.5 to 2 hours for an hour auditorium lesson.

The main directions of the independent work of master students are:
- initial familiarization with the syllabus of training discipline;
- acquaintance with a list of recommended literature, its study and selection of additional literature;
- work with the political map of the world, maps of integration groups, figures, diagrams and tables;
- studying of materials of different international economic organizations on regional trade agreements and agreements of integration associations;
- studying and expansion of the material of lectures given by lector, on the basis of information from the additional literature and consultations;
- preparation for seminary studies on specially designed plans to study primary and secondary literature;
- preparation of the main forms of control (survey, test);
- preparation for the set-off.

Normative acts

General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, 1994.
Enabling Clause for GATT, 1979, L/496.
Eurasian Economic Comission (EAC)
Free Trade Area Agreement, 2011.
Agreement on the cessation of the activity of the EAEU, 2014.
Treaty establishing the common customs space and the formation of a Customs Union, 2007.
The Treaty on the Union State, 1999.
Agreement on rules of origin, 2009.


# ADDITIONS AND CHANGES OF TRAINING SYLLABUS

for 2017 / 2018 academic year

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Training syllabus revised and approved at the department meeting

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