



# *The Hebrew University of Jerusalem*

## *Syllabus*

### *Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot - 62498*

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*HU Credits: 6*

*Degree/Cycle: 1st degree (Bachelor)*

*Responsible Department: Law*

*Academic year: 0*

*Semester: 1st Semester*

*Teaching Languages: English*

*Campus: Mt. Scopus*

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Teaching Staff:

Mr. Nadav Klein

Course/Module description:

The Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot is the largest commercial law moot competition in the world, with the participation of over 300 universities from 75 countries.

The competition, held annually in the city of Vienna, is a simulation of a fictional commercial dispute between two companies from two different countries before an international arbitration tribunal. The case changes every year, presenting facts and raising legal questions that are at the core of international commercial arbitration. After conducting extensive research, each team submits two comprehensive memoranda – one for claimant, one for respondent – before the competition. During the competition in Vienna the team members present their oral arguments based upon the memoranda before arbitral experts in the issues considered.

The long writing and research process preceding the submission of the memoranda, as well as the training for the oral pleadings, are done with the personal guidance of two professional coaches.

Course/Module aims:

The primary goal of the Vis Moot is to foster the study of international commercial law and arbitration for resolution of international business disputes through its application to a concrete problem of a client. In addition, the students of the course develop their academic writing skills in English and their oral presentation of legal arguments, while learning various methods of research.

During the course the students also gain experience in responding to complex legal questions "live", in front of audience and active arbitrators, and develop both their teamwork and independent abilities.

Learning outcomes - On successful completion of this module, students should be able to:

In the end of the course students will be able to:

1. Write a legal memorandum in English, in the highest standard and in accordance with the accepted rules of commercial law;
2. Address and solve questions in international commercial arbitration;
3. Present legal arguments orally, in English and with the ability to respond simultaneously to questions.

Attendance requirements(%):

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100%

*Teaching arrangement and method of instruction: Guided self-work*

*Course/Module Content:*

*While the legal field is international commercial arbitration, the facts and specific legal questions of the annual case change every year.*

*The issues generally require determining questions of contract – flowing from a transaction relating to the sale or purchase of goods under the United Nations Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods (CISG) – in the context of an arbitration of a dispute under specified Arbitration Rules.*

*These questions require thorough understanding of the relevant law and its rationales.*

*In addition, students will work on their oral and written advocacy skills, public speaking, dealing with different arbitrators, and more.*

*Required Reading:*

*Students will be required to delve into complex issues in the field of private international law and International commercial arbitration. As part of this research, students will need to identify the required reading materials and delve into them.*

*Additional Reading Material:*

*Grading Scheme:*

*Other 100 %*

*Additional information:*

*The student evaluation in the course will be done holistically, reflecting the close and intensive work carried out by each student throughout the course. The assessment of students in the course will consider their active involvement in the team's weekly sessions, weekly submissions of drafts, the student's final written memorandum, and oral arguments during the competition in Vienna.*

*Participation in the course is conditional on passing a preliminary selective process.*