

## **Course Description:**

This course offers a comprehensive examination of the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) with a specific focus on the potential advantages and obstacles it presents for Ghana. As AfCFTA is a significant initiative reshaping the economic landscape of the African continent, this course aims to provide students with a deep understanding of the opportunities and challenges that Ghana faces in the context of this transformative trade agreement.

## **Course Objectives:**

- **Explore the AfCFTA Framework:** Understand the fundamental principles, goals, and key components of the African Continental Free Trade Area.
- **Analyze the Benefits for Ghana:** Investigate how Ghana stands to gain from AfCFTA, including expanded market access, economic growth, and diversification of exports.
- **Examine Challenges and Implications:** Delve into the challenges Ghana may encounter, such as increased competition, policy harmonization, infrastructure requirements, and informal trade.
- **Case Studies and Best Practices:** Explore real-world examples and best practices from other countries to illustrate how Ghana can maximize its benefits and mitigate challenges.
- **Policy and Regulatory Frameworks:** Study the policy and regulatory changes required to align with AfCFTA and enhance Ghana's trade competitiveness.
- **Infrastructure and Capacity Building:** Evaluate the infrastructure needs and the importance of capacity building to effectively participate in the AfCFTA.
- **Future Trends and Implications:** Discuss potential future developments in AfCFTA and their implications for Ghana's economic development.

## **Course Format:**

The course will be delivered through a combination of lectures, discussions, case studies, group projects, and guest speakers. Students will have the opportunity to engage in critical analysis, policy development, and scenario planning to better understand the complex landscape of the AfCFTA.

## **Assessment:**

Assessment methods will include exams, research projects, presentations, and class participation. Students will also work on a final project where they will propose a comprehensive strategy for Ghana to maximize the benefits of the AfCFTA while addressing its challenges.

This course is suitable for students, professionals, policymakers, and anyone interested in the economic development and trade dynamics of Ghana within the context of the African

Continental Free Trade Area. It equips participants with the knowledge and tools needed to navigate and leverage the opportunities presented by this historic trade agreement.