Course and Examination Fact Sheet: Spring Semester 2020

10,426: Dissertation Seminar

ECTS credits: 6

Overview examination/s
(binding regulations see below)
Decentral - Active participation (20%)
Decentral - Presentation (individual) (40%)
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Attached courses

Timetable -- Language -- Lecturer
10,426.1.00 Dissertation Seminar -- Englisch -- Davis James W.

Course information

Course prerequisites
This seminar is for students admitted to the DIA program who have defended their dissertation prospectus and begun to work on their dissertations.

Students who plan to take this course as an optional course and without an examination should not register via the bidding system. They should register directly with the lecturer.

Students who plan to take this course as a regular course or as an optional course with an examination should register via the biddingsystem. Enrollment in a course is binding; students have to attend the course and take the exam. The grade will be shown on the scorecard.

Learning objectives
Students will be able to clearly present their research question, its relevance to their field of scholarship, and the data and methods they will employ to answer it. Presentation skills for conference participation and the eventual dissertation defense will be practiced.

Course content
The course is intended to help students refine their research design in light of questions that have emerged while researching and writing their dissertation and to deal receive constructive critique on the work in progress. After a general discussion of the elements of a successful dissertation, students will prepare presentations on their individual research designs and progress to date on the dissertation. Each student will be responsible for presenting their dissertation project and leading class discussion. Students will also prepare a conference style poster of their dissertation that will be presented at a poster-session on the final day of class.

Course structure
The course will meet weekly or according to a revised schedule as determined by the size of the group. The final schedule will be established on the first regular day of class.

Course literature
Students will be expected to identify two general readings to introduce the class participants to the subject and relevance of their dissertation. Participants are expected to read the materials circulated by their colleagues in the class.

Additional course information
Information on the preparation of the posters will be provided in the course of the semester.

Examination information

Examination sub part/s

1. Examination sub part (1/3)
   
   Examination time and form
   Decentral - Active participation (20%)
   
   Remark
   Participate in critical review of others’ research

   Examination-aid rule
   Practical examination
   No examination-aid rule is necessary for such examination types. The rules and regulations of the University of St. Gallen apply in a subsidiary fashion.

   Supplementary aids
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   Examination languages
   Question language: English
   Answer language: English

2. Examination sub part (2/3)
   
   Examination time and form
   Decentral - Presentation (individual) (40%)
   
   Remark
   Presentation of own dissertation

   Examination-aid rule
   Practical examination
   No examination-aid rule is necessary for such examination types. The rules and regulations of the University of St. Gallen apply in a subsidiary fashion.

   Supplementary aids
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   Examination languages
   Question language: English
   Answer language: English

3. Examination sub part (3/3)
   
   Examination time and form
   Decentral - Presentation (individual) (40%)
   
   Remark
   Poster Session Presentation

   Examination-aid rule
   Practical examination
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Supplementary aids
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Examination languages
Question language: English
Answer language: English

Examination content
A passing grade (no number grade) is a function of participation in discussion and presentation of own dissertation in class and during the poster session.

Examination relevant literature
Literature will be identified by the students themselves based on their own dissertations.

Please note

Please note that this fact sheet alone is binding and has priority over any other information such as StudyNet (Canvas), personal databases or faculty members' websites and information provided in their lectures, etc.

Any possible references and links within the fact sheet to information provided by third parties are merely supplementary and informative in nature and are outside the University of St.Gallen's scope of responsibility and guarantee.

Documents and materials that have been submitted no later than the end of term time (CW21) are relevant to central examinations.

Binding nature of the fact sheet:

- Information about courses and examination time (central/decentral) and examination type starting from the beginning of the bidding on 23 January 2020
- Information about examinations (examination aid regulations, examination content, examination-relevant literature) for decentral examinations after the 4th semester week on 16 March 2020
- Information about examinations (examination aid regulations, examination content, examination-relevant literature) for central examinations as from the starting date for examination registration on 6 April 2020

Please consult the fact sheet again after these deadlines have expired.