Course and Examination Fact Sheet: Autumn Semester 2019

5,301: Public International Law

ECTS credits: 3

Overview examination/s
(binding regulations see below)
Central - Written examination (100%, 90 mins.)

Attached courses
Timetable -- Language -- Lecturer
5,301,1.00 Public International Law -- Englisch -- Burri Thomas
5,301,2.01 Public International Law: Exercises, Group 1 -- Englisch -- Achermann Katja
5,301,2.02 Public International Law: Exercises, Group 2 -- Englisch -- Achermann Katja

Course information

Course prerequisites
Typically, students are in the fifth semester.

Course content
This course offers an introduction to international law. By means of concrete legal documents from specific cases (such as judgments of international courts, resolutions of the UN Security Council - e.g. as to Kosovo or Libya) the structural aspects of the international legal order are developed. The focus is on classic international law (including actors, sources, responsibility, use of force), but the more specific regimes, such as human rights and humanitarian law are also dealt with. Students are expected to study very carefully the documents that are made available before they attend class. Tutorials supplement the lectures. While the style of the tutorials is not fundamentally different from the lectures, they give you the possibility to interact even more.

Course structure
The course takes place in the first half of the term, before the break. Students will typically attend one of the courses European Law / Europarecht after the break. Public International Law is a weekly course of 90 minutes with lectures, interaction, and discussion. Tutorials will be held as part of the course in connection with the more specific aspects of international law. The idea is to develop the practical skills further.

Course literature
A reader will be made available on a continuous basis during the course.

Additional course information
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Examination information

Examination sub part/s

1. Examination sub part (1/1)

Examination time and form
Central - Written examination (100%, 90 mins.)
Remark

Examination-aid rule
Extended Closed Book for Examinations in Law
The use of aids is limited. Any additional aids permitted must be listed exhaustively in the section “Supplementary aids”. The following generally applies:

- For this examination, all pocket calculators of the Texas Instruments TI-30 series and mono- or bilingual dictionaries (no subject-specific dictionaries) without marginal notes are admissible. All other pocket calculators models as well as electronic dictionaries are inadmissible.
- In addition, any type of communication is inadmissible, as are all electronic devices that can be programmed and enable communication, such as notebooks, tablets, PDAs, mobiles and so on.
- Students themselves are exclusively responsible for the procurement of aids.
- Official statutory texts issued by the Confederation and the Canton of St. Gallen in the four national languages and the English translation provided by the Federal Chancellery are always admissible.
- Only the additional aids and texts of laws listed individually under “Supplementary aids” (exhaustive list) are admissible.
- All admissible documents may be combined in the language and number of copies that the student wishes, unless otherwise stated under Supplementary aids.
- Any aids and texts of laws that are not listed are expressly inadmissible and will be collected without substitution.

The following preparation of legal texts is allowed:

- References to other law articles, including all names of laws and article numbers as they also appear in the admissible law texts (i.e.: art. 62 et seq. CO/art. 164 para. 1a FC/art. 25. para. 2 lit. a No 8 VAT Act/art. 158 FC combined with art. 4 ParlA/art. 29 II FC, etc.); these references must be written in one of the national languages and/or in English.
- Annotations (i.e. underlining, circling; special symbols such as arrows, asterisks, etc.) with any type of pen, including highlighters in different colours. However, no individual letters may be marked; any other notes and comments are prohibited.
- Index: self-adhesive page markers in the margin of individual texts of law; they must only bear the marginalia, titles, articles of the relevant page (i.e.: art. 141 FC: Optional Referendum or Title 5: State Authorities or art. 5 FC).
- Print-outs and copies of legal texts that are admissible according to this fact sheet (i.e. all official statutory texts issued by the Confederation, or the admitted private collections incl. table of contents and indexes), must correspond exactly to the original; the original source must be clearly discernible.

Supplementary aids
Malcolm Evans (ed.), Blackstone’s International Law Documents (Oxford University Press, previous or current edition; it is not necessary to have the newest edition; an older one, eg. the 11th ed., is sufficient)

Examination languages
Question language: English
Answer language: English

Examination content
All materials contained in the reader and discussed in class (incl. tutorials).

Examination relevant literature
The entire reader, which will be made available until 20 December 2019 at the latest on studynet, and the texts dealt with in Blackstone's International Law Documents.
**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 (CW51) 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 22 August 2019
- Information about examinations (examination aid regulations, examination content, examination-relevant literature) for decentral examinations after the 4th semester week on 14 October 2019
- Information about examinations (examination aid regulations, examination content, examination-relevant literature) for central examinations as from the starting date for examination registration on 4 November 2019

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