



Course and Examination Fact Sheet: Spring Semester 2019

4,300: International Relations Theory

ECTS credits: 6

Overview examination/s

(binding regulations see below)

Central - Written examination (100%, 120 mins.)

Attached courses

Timetable -- Language -- Lecturer

[4,300,1.00 International Relations Theory](#) -- Englisch -- [Davis James W.](#)

[4,300,3.00 International Relations Theory: Independent Studies](#) -- Englisch -- [Hofmann Benjamin](#) , [Plappert Sebastian](#) , [Manali Manali](#)

Course information

Course prerequisites

Students should have a good command of the English language.

Course content

Course goals

This course provides an introduction to theories of international politics. Students will acquire a solid foundation in the most important theoretical developments and debates in the discipline. The explanatory power of individual theories and schools of thought will be examined and evaluated with reference to important issues and issue areas in international politics, including: war and peace, international cooperation, international trade and investment, and human rights.

Course structure

The basic outline of the course is as follows:

- Introduction and Overview
- Classical Realism
- Neorealism
- Liberalism
- Interdependence and Regimes
- The English School
- Social Constructivism
- Power and the challenge of postmodernism
- The balance of power
- Theories of regional integration
- International Political Economy



- Foreign Policy Decision-making
- The role of force

Course literature

There will be a reader for the course available in the "Skriptenkommission." Where possible, readings will also be made available via StudyNet. All readings are to be regarded as "required" and are relevant for the final exam. The individual tutors may distribute additional materials in the tutorials.

Additional course information

Students are required to sign up for one of the tutorial sessions. These offer students the opportunity to discuss the lectures and readings, debate central topics and refine their understanding of the field.

Examination information

Examination sub part/s

1. Examination sub part (1/1)

Examination time and form

Central - Written examination (100%, 120 mins.)

Remark

A pocket calculator is not necessary.

Examination-aid rule

Extended Closed Book

The use of aids is limited; any additional aids permitted are exhaustively listed under "Supplementary aids". Basically, the following is applicable:

- At such examinations, all the pocket calculators of the Texas Instruments TI-30 series and mono- or bilingual dictionaries (no subject-specific dictionaries) without hand-written notes are admissible. Any other pocket calculator models and any electronic dictionaries are inadmissible.
- In addition, any type of communication, as well as any electronic devices that can be programmed and are capable of communication such as notebooks, tablets, PDAs, mobile telephones and others, are inadmissible.
- Students are themselves responsible for the procurement of examination aids.

Supplementary aids

None

Examination languages

Question language: English

Answer language: English

Examination content

The lectures as well as the tutorials, including the respective discussions are relevant for the final exam.

Examination relevant literature

The entire literature as listed on the syllabus, the readings on StudyNet (already online), as well as the literature made available through the tutorials are relevant for the final exam.



Please note

We would like to point out to you that this fact sheet has absolute priority over other information such as StudyNet, faculty members' personal databases, information provided in lectures, etc. When will the fact sheets become binding?

- Information about courses and examination time (central/decentral and grading form): from the start of the bidding process on 24 January 2019
- Information about decentral examinations (examination-aid rule, examination content, examination relevant literature): after the 4th semester week on 18 March 2019
- Information about central examinations (examination-aid rule, examination content, examination relevant literature): from the start of the enrolment period for the examinations on 08 April 2019

Please look at the fact sheet once more after these deadlines have expired.