



Course and Examination Fact Sheet: Autumn Semester 2018

10,384: Political Economics of Development

ECTS credits: 4

Overview examination/s

(binding regulations see below)

Decentral - Presentation (individual) (40%)

Decentral - Group examination paper with presentation (all given the same grades) (40%)

Decentral - Active participation (20%)

Attached courses

Timetable -- Language -- Lecturer

[10,384,1.00 Political Economics of Development](#) -- Englisch -- [Hodler Roland](#)

Course information

Course prerequisites

Master-level knowledge in econometrics/quantitative methods is required. Knowledge in development economics, political economics or game theory is a plus, but not necessary as the course is largely self-contained.

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 bidding system. Enrolment in a course is binding: students have to attend the course and take the exam. The grade will be shown on the scorecard.

Course content

This course focuses on key research areas in the intersection of political economics and development economics. It thereby underscores the interdependences between politics and economic development. The following research area could be discussed:

1. Economic development and democratization
2. Ethnic politics and developmental effects
3. Natural resources and developmental effects
4. Foreign aid: allocation and developmental effects

The course consists of lectures and student presentations. The lectures provide an overview of the current state of the theoretical and empirical literature in the respective research areas. The students present cutting-edge empirical papers (alone) and develop their own research proposal (in groups of 1-2 students).

The objectives of this course are:

1. To know the literature in key research areas in the intersection of political economics and development economics.
2. To understand what it takes to produce cutting-edge empirical research on the political economics of development.

Course structure

The course consists of six 4-hour sessions. The first session introduces the course. The next four sessions are devoted to one research area each. They consist of a lecture introducing the current state of the literature and 1-3 student presentations. The last session is devoted to the discussion of the students' research proposals.

Course literature

Journal articles and papers become available on StudyNet at the beginning of the course.



Lecture slides become available on StudyNet during the semester.

Additional course information

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Examination information

Examination sub part/s

1. Examination sub part (1/3)

Examination time and form

Decentral - Presentation (individual) (40%)

Remark

Presentation of cutting-edge empirical paper

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 - Group examination paper with presentation (all given the same grades) (40%)

Remark

Research proposal

Examination-aid rule

Term papers

- Term papers must be written without anyone else's help and in accordance with the known quotation standards, and they must contain a declaration of authorship.
- The documentation of sources (quotations, bibliography) has to be done throughout and consistently in accordance with the APA or MLA standards. The indications of the sources of information taken over verbatim or in paraphrase (quotations) must be integrated into the text in accordance with the precepts of the applicable quotation standard, while informative and bibliographical notes must be added as footnotes (recommendations and standards can be found, for example, in METZGER, C. (2015), *Lern- und Arbeitsstrategien* (11th ed., 4th printing). Aarau: Sauerländer).
- For any work written at the HSG, the indication of the page numbers both according to the MLA and the APA standard is never optional.
- Where there are no page numbers in sources, precise references must be provided in a different way: titles of chapters or sections, section numbers, acts, scenes, verses, etc.
- For papers in law, the legal standard is recommended (by way of example, cf. FORSTMOSER, P., OGORÉK R. et SCHINDLER B. (2018), *Juristisches Arbeiten: Eine Anleitung für Studierende* (6. Auflage), Zürich: Schulthess, or the recommendations of the Law School).

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 - Active participation (20%)

Remark

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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

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Examination relevant literature

Lecture slides, journal articles and papers are available on StudyNet.

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 23 August 2018
- Information about decentral examinations (examination-aid rule, examination content, examination relevant literature): after the 4th semester week on 15 October 2018
- Information about central examinations (examination-aid rule, examination content, examination relevant literature): from the start of the enrolment period for the examinations on 05 November 2018

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