



Course and Examination Fact Sheet: Autumn Semester 2018

3,344: American Grand Strategy: European Colonies to Global Superpower

ECTS credits: 4

Overview examination/s

(binding regulations see below)

Decentral - examination paper written at home (individual) (40%)

Central - Written examination (60%, 60 mins.)

Attached courses

Timetable -- Language -- Lecturer

[3,344,1.00 American Grand Strategy: European Colonies to Global Superpower](#) -- Englisch -- [Davis James W.](#)

Course information

Course prerequisites

There are no official prerequisites for this class although students should have a good command of the English language as the readings and lectures are in English.

Course content

How did thirteen relatively weak British colonies secure their independence and rise to the status of a great power within the space of 100 years? How did the only North American great power go on to become one of the 20th Century's two global superpowers and come to dominate the international system at the start of the 21st Century? This course analyzes the rise of American power in light of American Grand Strategies. The history of American foreign policy is used as a case study against which to evaluate leading theories of international politics, in particular the operation of the Balance of Power.

Course structure

Weekly lecture & discussion.

Course literature

There will be a reader for this course comprising required readings as well as a list of recommended readings distributed on the first day of class. To the extent possible, readings will also be uploaded to studynet.

Additional course information

None

Examination information

Examination sub part/s

1. Examination sub part (1/2)

Examination time and form

Decentral - examination paper written at home (individual) (40%)

Remark

Take Home Mid-Term Essay



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. (2017), Lern- und Arbeitsstrategien (12th ed., Cornelsen Schweiz).
- 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., OGOREK R. et SCHINDLER B. (2018, Juristisches Arbeiten: Eine Anleitung für Studierende (6. Auflage), Zürich: Schulthess, or the recommendations of the Law School).

Supplementary aids

None

Examination languages

Question language: English

Answer language: English

2. Examination sub part (2/2)

Examination time and form

Central - Written examination (60%, 60 mins.)

Remark

Written Final Exam

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 mid-term exam is based on materials from the lecture, the reader and supplemental materials deemed relevant by students based on brief library research.

The final exam is based on the materials presented in the lectures and found in the reader.



Examination relevant literature

See the entry for exam content.

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.