



Course and Examination Fact Sheet: Autumn Semester 2018

9,260: Selected Topics in Swiss Public Finance

ECTS credits: 4

Overview examination/s

(binding regulations see below)

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

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

Attached courses

Timetable -- Language -- Lecturer

[9,260,1.00 Selected Topics in Swiss Public Finance](#) -- Englisch -- [Schaltegger Christoph A.](#)

Course information

Course prerequisites

Intermediate knowledge of public economics.

Course content

- Government activity and growth in public expenditures
- Sustainable fiscal policy and government defaults
- Consolidation and stabilization policy
- Current social security issues in Switzerland
- Fiscal federalism, tax competition and equalization scheme

Course aim

This lecture imparts the most important topics in fiscal policy from an economic point of view with an emphasis on the conjuncture between scientific debate and specific political application in the context of public expenditure and social security. Whenever possible, Swiss circumstances are taken into account.

Students acquire skills to discuss policy solutions in depth. The tools provided include (traditional) public finance principles as well as approaches from political economy and institutional economics. In addition, consolidation and stabilization issues bear reference to current economic policy debates. Swiss fiscal policy is considered in detail with regard to specific reform proposals.

Course structure

The course will be taking place in weekly sessions.

Course literature

- lecture notes (studynet)
- literature list included in lecture notes

Additional course information

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Examination information



Examination sub part/s

1. Examination sub part (1/2)

Examination time and form

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

Remark

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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

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Examination languages

Question language: English

Answer language: English

2. Examination sub part (2/2)

Examination time and form

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

Remark

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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

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Examination languages

Question language: English



Answer language: English

Examination content

Exam relevant content will be listed on studynet, latest by Nov. 30, 2018.

Examination relevant literature

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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.