



Course and Examination Fact Sheet: Spring Semester 2021

10,426: Dissertation Seminar

ECTS credits: 6

Overview examination/s

(binding regulations see below)

Decentral - Presentation (individual) (50%)

Examination time: term time

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Attached courses

Timetable -- Language -- Lecturer

[10.426.1.00 Dissertation Seminar](#) -- Englisch -- [Davis James Warren](#)

Course information

Course prerequisites

This seminar is for students admitted to the DIA program who have defended their dissertation prospectus and begun to work on their dissertations.

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

Learning objectives

Students will be able to clearly present their research question, its relevance to their field of scholarship, and the data and methods they will employ to answer it. Presentation skills for conference participation and the eventual dissertation defense will be practiced.

Course content

The course is intended to help students refine their research design in light of questions that have emerged while researching and writing their dissertation and to receive constructive critique on the work in progress. After a general discussion of the elements of a successful dissertation, students will prepare presentations on their individual research designs and progress to date on the dissertation. Each student will be responsible for presenting their dissertation project and leading class discussion. Students will also prepare a conference style poster of their dissertation that will be presented at a poster-session on the final day of class. The poster session will be attended by members of the DIA faculty and ideally the candidate's dissertation advisor.

Course structure

The course will meet weekly--online or in person, depending on the state of the pandemic--or according to a revised schedule as determined by the size of the group. The final schedule will be established on the first regular day of class. Ideally the poster session will take place in person in the foyer of the SEPS administrative offices (Müller-Friedberg-Strasse 6). If the pandemic continues and in-person courses are impossible, we will conduct the poster session in an online format.

Course literature

Students will be expected to identify two general readings to introduce the class participants to the subject and relevance of their



dissertation. Participants are expected to read the materials circulated by their colleagues in the class so that they can participate actively in the discussion of their colleagues's dissertations.

Additional course information

Information on the preparation of the posters will be provided in the course of the semester.

In the case of the President's Board having to implement new directives due to the SARS CoV 2 pandemic in spring term 2021, the course information listed above will be changed as follows:

- The seminar is conducted online via the platform Zoom;
- There will be no recordings of the seminar presentations;
- The Poster seminar will be conducted online;
- The lecturer informs via Canvas or per email on the changed implementation modalities of the course;
- There are no changes necessary to the seminar information.

Examination information

Examination sub part/s

1. Examination sub part (1/2)

Examination time and form

Decentral - Presentation (individual) (50%)

Examination time: term time

Remark

Presentation of own dissertation

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 (2/2)

Examination time and form

Decentral - Presentation (individual) (50%)

Examination time: term time

Remark

Poster Session Presentation

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

Examination content

A passing grade (no number grade) is a function of participation in discussion and presentation of own dissertation in class and during the poster session.

Examination relevant literature

Literature will be identified by the students themselves based on their own dissertations.

Please note

Please note that only this fact sheet and the examination schedule published at the time of bidding are binding and takes precedence over other information, such as information on StudyNet (Canvas), on lecturers' websites and information in lectures etc.

Any references and links to third-party content within the fact sheet are only of a supplementary, informative nature and lie outside the area of responsibility of the University of St.Gallen.

Documents and materials are only relevant for central examinations if they are available by the end of the lecture period (CW21) at the latest. In the case of centrally organised mid-term examinations, the documents and materials up to CW 12 are relevant for testing.

Binding nature of the fact sheets:

- Course information as well as examination date (organised centrally/decentrally) and form of examination: from bidding start in CW 04 (Thursday, 28 January 2021);
- Examination information (regulations on aids, examination contents, examination literature) for decentralised examinations: in CW 12 (Monday, 22 March 2021);
- Examination information (regulations on aids, examination contents, examination literature) for centrally organised mid-term examinations: in CW 12 (Monday, 22 March 2021);
- Examination information (regulations on aids, examination contents, examination literature) for centrally organised examinations: two weeks before the end of the registration period in CW 14 (Thursday, 8 April 2021).