



Course and Examination Fact Sheet: Spring Semester 2023

10,384: Political Economics of Development

ECTS credits: 4

Overview examination/s

(binding regulations see below)

Decentral - Presentation (individual) (40%)

Examination time: term time

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

Examination time: term time

Decentral - Active participation (20%)

Examination time: term time

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 and political economics is a plus, but not necessary as the course is largely self-contained.

Learning objectives

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 in development economics, political economics, and related fields.

Course content

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

1. Democracy, institutional change, and economic development
2. Ethnic diversity, ethnic politics, and developmental effects
3. Natural resources and developmental effects
4. Foreign aid: allocation and developmental effects

Course structure and indications of the learning and teaching design

The course consists of six 4-hour sessions. The first session introduces the course. The next four sessions are devoted to four different research areas. Each of these sessions consists of a lecture providing an overview of the current state of the theoretical and empirical literature in the respective research area, and 2-3 student presentations of cutting-edge empirical working papers. The last session is devoted to the discussion of the students' research proposals (written in groups of 1-2 students).

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%)

Examination time: term time

Remark

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Examination-aid rule

Free aids provision

Basically, students are free to choose aids. Any restrictions are defined by the faculty members in charge of the examination under supplementary aids.

Supplementary aids

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Nature of examination

analog

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%)

Examination time: term time

Remark

Research proposal

Examination-aid rule

Free aids provision

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Supplementary aids

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Nature of examination

analog

Examination languages

Question language: English

Answer language: English

3. Examination sub part (3/3)

Examination time and form



Decentral - Active participation (20%)

Examination time: term time

Remark

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Examination-aid rule

Free aids provision

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Supplementary aids

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Nature of examination

analog

Examination languages

Question language: English

Answer language: English

Examination content

Topics 1-4 above.

Examination relevant literature

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

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, 26 January 2023);
- Examination information (regulations on aids, examination contents, examination literature) for decentralised examinations: in CW 12 (Monday, 20 March 2023);
- Examination information (regulations on aids, examination contents, examination literature) for centrally organised mid-term examinations: in CW 12 (Monday, 20 March 2023);
- Examination information (regulations on aids, examination contents, examination literature) for centrally organised examinations: two weeks before the end of the de-registration period in CW 15 (Monday, 10 April 2023).