



## Course and Examination Fact Sheet: Spring Semester 2023

### 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. Students will also serve as discussants for at least one presentation by another class participant in order to practice the skill of collegial critique.

#### 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 and indications of the learning and teaching design

The course will meet weekly--in person--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. Participation in the poster session is mandatory and will take place in person at the HSG (the precise time and location will be announced on the first day of class).

#### 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 colleague's dissertations.

## Additional course information

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

## 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

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

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#### 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

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

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## 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. Attendance at all sessions is mandatory. Absences must be excused. Students who miss a presentation (dissertation or poster session) or session for which they are expected to serve as discussant will not receive a passing grade.

## 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, 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).