



Course and Examination Fact Sheet: Spring Semester 2020

8,146: International Group Accounting

ECTS credits: 6

Overview examination/s

(binding regulations see below)

Decentral - Written examination (70%, 90 mins.)

Decentral - Presentation (in groups - all given the same grades) (30%)

Attached courses

Timetable -- Language -- Lecturer

[8,146,1.00 International Group Accounting](#) -- Englisch -- [Stenzel Arthur](#) , [Dinh Tami](#)

Course information

Course prerequisites

None

Learning objectives

After this course, students should be able to:

- Understand the major economic advantages of business combinations and the principles for group accounting
- Allocate the acquisition price to the assets and liabilities of the acquired company in mergers and acquisitions
- Apply the consolidation procedures to consolidate parent and subsidiary accounts and explain their impact on financial statements as well as their relation to corporate valuation
- Describe the mechanics and intuition of accounting peculiarities such as goodwill allocation, deferred taxes, segment reporting and currency translation

Course content

In today's marketplace almost no (big) company operates on a completely independent basis. Instead, there are numerous economic and/or legal interrelationships. These range from simple investments to joint ventures and subsidiaries. In such a setting individual financial statements might be of limited usefulness to investors. This holds particularly true when a subsidiary largely acts on binding guidelines of the parent company, generates most revenues not via an external market but in transactions with related parties or when the main debtor is another dependent company. In bespoke situations consolidated financial statements turn into the primary information tool which depicts the financial situation of the legally independent companies as if they were one economic unit.

The goal of the course is to facilitate a basic understanding of the financial reporting environment of internationally-oriented firms based on the applicable U.S. GAAP and IAS/IFRS accounting standards. Covered aspects include:

- General purpose of group accounting
- Scope of consolidation
- Cost and equity method
- Full consolidation
- Asset consolidation
- Debt Consolidation
- Intercompany Transactions
- P&L consolidation
- Joint ventures



- Cash flow consolidation
- Segment reporting
- Deferred taxes
- Currency Translation
- Deconsolidation

Course structure

- 5 weekly lectures including tutorials of 4 hours each
- 3 block seminar days during the break

Course literature

Textbook and readings

- Christensen / Cottrell / Baker: Advanced Financial Accounting, 12th Edition, International Edition 2019, McGraw-Hill
- Relevant US-GAAP and IFRS/IAS
- Lecture slides

Reference books

- Hoyle / Schaefer / Douppnik: Advanced Accounting, 12th Edition, International Edition, McGraw-Hill, ISBN: 978-1-259-09558-0 or MHID 1-259-09558-4
- Krimpmann: Principles of Group Accounting under IFRS, Wiley, ISBN: 978-1-118-75141-1

Additional course information

A number of exercises and cases will be made available on Canvas for preparation at home and will be discussed during the lectures.

Examination information

Examination sub part/s

1. Examination sub part (1/2)

Examination time and form

Decentral - Written examination (70%, 90 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



No further means of aid are allowed.

Examination languages

Question language: English

Answer language: English

2. Examination sub part (2/2)

Examination time and form

Decentral - Presentation (in groups - all given the same grades) (30%)

Remark

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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

No further means of aid are allowed.

Examination languages

Question language: English

Answer language: English

Examination content

- Slides for each topic are made available on Canvas. In addition, students are expected to read the relevant chapters of the suggested textbook and reference books.
- Students will be assessed on understanding rather than memorizing.
- Information on the group presentations will be provided in class.

Examination relevant literature

Textbook and readings

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Please note

Please note that this fact sheet alone is binding and has priority over any other information such as StudyNet (Canvas), personal databases or faculty members' websites and information provided in their lectures, etc.

Any possible references and links within the fact sheet to information provided by third parties are merely supplementary and informative in nature and are outside the University of St.Gallen's scope of responsibility and guarantee.

Documents and materials that have been submitted no later than the end of term time (CW21) are relevant to central examinations.

Binding nature of the fact sheet:

- Information about courses and examination time (central/decentral) and examination type starting from the beginning of the bidding on 23 January 2020
- Information about examinations (examination aid regulations, examination content, examination-relevant literature) for decentral examinations after the 4th semester week on 16 March 2020
- Information about examinations (examination aid regulations, examination content, examination-relevant literature) for central examinations as from the starting date for examination registration on 6 April 2020

Please consult the fact sheet again after these deadlines have expired.