



## Course and Examination Fact Sheet: Spring Semester 2020

### 8,286: Selected Topics in Swiss Public Finance

ECTS credits: 4

#### Overview examination/s

(binding regulations see below)

Decentral - Written examination (100%, 90 mins.)

#### Attached courses

Timetable -- Language -- Lecturer

[8,286,1.00 Selected Topics in Swiss Public Finance](#) -- Englisch -- [Schaltegger Christoph A.](#)

#### Course information

##### Course prerequisites

Intermediate knowledge of public economics.

##### Learning objectives

Students will learn to understand key topics in public sector economics and how they are linked to economic policy issues. In addition, the course intends to advance students' development as applied economists by providing training in the knowledge transfer from scientific debate to policy solutions. While methodological concepts are important to understand the evidence on policy evaluation, they are not introduced for the sake of discussions on inference or modeling.

##### Course content

This is an advanced course in public sector economics whose purpose is to study the role of government in the economy. It covers basic issues in the treatment of externalities, optimal tax design, social insurance, fiscal sustainability and fiscal federalism with an emphasis on practical relevance and empirical evidence. Topics include public goods and externalities, efficiency costs and incidence of taxation, income taxation, labor supply responses to taxation, retirement policies, (re-)distribution of income, social mobility, fiscal and debt policy, budget rules, tax competition etc. The course specifically highlights and discusses Swiss evidence and experiences on these topics.

##### Course structure

The course will be taking place in weekly sessions.

##### Course literature

see lecture notes and bibliography on studynet

##### Additional course information

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#### Examination information

##### Examination sub part/s

##### 1. Examination sub part (1/1)



## Examination time and form

Decentral - Written examination (100%, 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

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## Examination languages

Question language: English

Answer language: English

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## Examination content

Lecture notes and mandatory readings as indicated in bibliography (subject to change until April 30th, 2020).

## Examination relevant literature

Cf. bibliography (subject to change until April 30th, 2020)

### 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.