



## Course and Examination Fact Sheet: Spring Semester 2021

### 10,424: Essay Seminar

ECTS credits: 6

#### Overview examination/s

(binding regulations see below)

Decentral - examination paper written at home (individual) (100%)

Examination time: term time

#### Attached courses

Timetable -- Language -- Lecturer

[10,424,1.00 Essay Seminar](#) -- Englisch -- [Emmenegger Patrick](#)

#### Course information

##### Course prerequisites

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 learn to write academic papers for conference or journal submissions.
- Students learn to discuss and evaluate the academic writing of their peers.

##### Course content

Publication of research is one of the most important criteria according to which academics are evaluated. Increasingly articles/papers are becoming the most important form of publication in the social science. The goal of the course is to train students to write a paper. Each participant will work on a paper (usually from the topic of his/her dissertation). Each step in the production of the paper is discussed in class, i.e. we read and comment on each others' work in progress. Ultimately each participant should produce a paper that could be submitted either for a conference or to an academic journal. The basic idea behind the course is that we can learn from one another. As each participant will benefit from learning about how others construct their paper, draft their abstract, find "catchy" titles, write their introduction, etc., the success of the seminar strongly depends on the willingness of participants to engage with others' work and to accept critiques and suggestions from peers in the group.

##### Course structure

The course is organized in seven sessions (with the option of moving one of the sessions to a date in August or September to finalize their papers over the summer)

Session 1 - Introduction

Session 2 - Discussion of best practice articles selected by participants

Session 3 - Discussion of the introductory section

Session 4 - Discussions of the state of the art sections (or other sections, depending on your paper)

Session 5 - Discussion of the theory and methods sections (or other part, depending on the set-up of your paper)

Session 6 - Discussion of empirical sections (or other parts, depending on the set-up of your paper)



Session 7 - Discussion of concluding sections

If individual papers deviate from the structure sketched above, do not worry - we'll find a way to deal with that.

Participation rule: You may miss one session but not more.

## Course literature

For the second session, you will need to read the best practice examples sent around by fellow course participants. For the following sessions, you will need to read the sections written by all other course participants.

## Additional course information

In the case of the President's Board having to implement new directives due to the SARS-CoV-2 pandemic in SpS2021, the course information listed above will be changed as follows:

- The course is conducted online via the platform Zoom;
- The recordings of the course are available for 30 days;
- The lecturer informs via e-mail on the changed implementation modalities of the course;
- There are no changes necessary to the course information.
- There are no changes necessary to the examination information.

## Examination information

### Examination sub part/s

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

##### Examination time and form

Decentral - examination paper written at home (individual) (100%)

Examination time: term time

##### Remark

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##### Examination-aid rule

Term papers

Term papers must be written without anyone else's help and in accordance with the known quotation standards, and they must contain a declaration of authorship which is a published template in StudentWeb.

The documentation of sources (quotations, bibliography) has to be done throughout and consistently in accordance with the chosen citation standard such as APA or MLA.

For papers in law, the legal standard is recommended (by way of example, cf. FORSTMOSER, P., OGOREK R. et SCHINDLER B., *Juristisches Arbeiten: Eine Anleitung für Studierende*, newest edition respectively, or according to the recommendations of the Law School).

The indications of the sources of information taken over verbatim or in paraphrase (quotations) must be integrated into texts in accordance with the precepts of the applicable quotation standard, while informative and bibliographical notes must be added as footnotes (recommendations and standards can be found, for example, in METZGER, C., *Lern- und Arbeitsstrategien*, newest edition respectively).

For any work written at the HSG, the indication of the page numbers is mandatory independent of the chosen citation standard. Where there are no page numbers in sources, precise references must be provided in a different way: titles of chapters or sections, section numbers, acts, scenes, verses, etc.

##### Supplementary aids

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## Examination languages

Question language: English

Answer language: English

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## Examination content

The examination consists in the writing of a "submittable" paper, either for a journal or for a (graduate) conference. Grades are pass/fail.

## Examination relevant literature

The literature must be relevant to the topic of the paper.

### 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).