



Course and Examination Fact Sheet: Spring Semester 2021

4,300: International Relations

ECTS credits: 4

Overview examination/s

(binding regulations see below)

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

Examination time: inter-term break

Attached courses

Timetable -- Language -- Lecturer

[4,300,1.00 International Relations](#) -- Englisch -- [Davis James Warren](#)

[4,300,2.00 International Relations: Exercises](#) -- Englisch -- [Hofmann Benjamin](#), [Kumar Manali](#), [von Dessien Jana-Christina](#)

Course information

Course prerequisites

Students should have a good command of the English language.

Learning objectives

Students will acquire a solid foundation in the most important theoretical developments and debates in the academic study of International Relations and apply these theories to the analysis of historical and contemporary developments in international affairs.

Course content

Course goals

This course provides an introduction to theories of international politics. The explanatory power of individual theories and schools of thought will be examined and evaluated with reference to important issues and issue areas in international politics, including: war and peace, international cooperation, international trade and investment, and human rights.

Course structure

This is a classic lecture course with accompanying tutorials where students can discuss open questions and further deepen their mastery of the course material. Lectures will be held on a weekly basis with tutorials usually held on a semi-weekly basis. The basic thematic outline of the course is as follows, with each of these topics constituting the principal focus of a weekly lecture:

- Introduction and Overview
- Classical Realism
- Neorealism
- Liberalism
- Interdependence and Regimes
- The English School
- Social Constructivism
- Power and the challenge of postmodernism
- The balance of power
- Theories of regional integration
- International Political Economy
- Foreign Policy Decision-making
- The role of force



Course literature

There will be a reader for the course available in the "Skriptenkommission." Where possible, readings will also be made available via StudyNet. All readings are to be regarded as "required" and are relevant for the final exam. The individual tutors may distribute additional materials in the tutorials.

Additional course information

Ideally the lectures and tutorials will take place in person on campus. If the ongoing coronavirus pandemic prohibits in person instruction, the lectures and tutorials will take place online via Zoom or similar platform and made available for online streaming for a limited period thereafter.

Examination information

Examination sub part/s

1. Examination sub part (1/1)

Examination time and form

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Examination time: inter-term break

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, mobile telephones and others, are inadmissible.
- Students are themselves responsible for the procurement of examination aids.

Supplementary aids

For this closed book examination no additional materials are necessary.

Examination languages

Question language: English

Answer language: English

Examination content

The lectures as well as the tutorials, including the respective discussions are relevant for the final exam.

Examination relevant literature

The entire literature as listed on the syllabus, the readings on StudyNet (already online), as well as the literature made available through the tutorials are relevant for the final exam.



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).