



Course and Examination Fact Sheet: Spring Semester 2021

6,321: Spring Project: Doing Quantitative Research in Political Science

ECTS credits: 4

Overview examination/s

(binding regulations see below)

Decentral - Group examination paper with presentation (all given the same grades) (100%)

Examination time: term time

Attached courses

Timetable -- Language -- Lecturer

[6,321,1.00 Spring Project: Doing Quantitative Research in Political Science](#) -- Englisch -- [Walter André](#)

Course information

Course prerequisites

The spring project should be taken after all other BIA courses have been completed.

Learning objectives

In this course, students will:

- Critically engage with the current state of the art in one of the following subfields: Swiss Politics, Comparative Politics, Comparative Political Economy.
- Learn how to identify important shortcomings in the current literature, formulate their own research question, and design their own research using the methods discussed and tested in the course.
- Learn how to provide constructive feedback for other research projects.
- Formulate the results of their studies/research in a clear, logical & precise manner.

Course content

In the Spring Project, students will select a paper from one of the subfields Swiss Politics, Comparative Politics, or Comparative Political Economy and replicate the findings by collecting the original data and conducting the analysis. In addition, students are encouraged to discuss and implement potential extensions that go beyond the current literature. In the course, the lecturer navigates students through the research process, provides additional methods and software training, and supports the data analysis. Moreover, students are required to read the work of their peers so that we can discuss the progress of all participants on a regular basis.

Course structure

This seminar-style course is expected to take place in the form of weekly two-hour meetings. If necessary, for instance in order to respect social distancing rules, participants may be asked to attend some of the meetings online. In case of a complete COVID-19-related lockdown, the course will be held entirely online.

Course literature

The relevant literature will be made available at the beginning of the course.

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 information for this course changes as follows:



- The course is conducted online via Zoom.
- The recordings of the course are available for 30 days.
- The lecturer informs students of any changed implementation modalities of the course via Canvas and/or email.
- There are no changes to the examination information.

Examination information

Examination sub part/s

1. Examination sub part (1/1)

Examination time and form

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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

Examination content

Term papers are to be written in groups of 1 to 3 students. The goal is to use the techniques acquired in the course to answer a research question developed by the groups and connected to one of the subfields. Each group will present their question and approach in the course.

Examination relevant literature

All materials are covered in course.



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).