



Course and Examination Fact Sheet: Spring Semester 2021

8,146: International Group Accounting

ECTS credits: 6

Overview examination/s

(binding regulations see below)

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

Examination time: term time

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

Examination time: term time

Attached courses

Timetable -- Language -- Lecturer

[8,146,1.00 International Group Accounting](#) -- Englisch -- [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

Due to the uncertain health situation, all lectures and block seminar days including the group presentations will be conducted online via Zoom. There will be a different range of interactive elements so **live participation is highly encouraged**. Students are asked to turn on their cameras to create a more personal atmosphere. During the group presentations, cameras are required to be on. The recordings of the course will be made available for 30 days. For the last seminar day on 14 April 2021, a physical trip to PwC in Zurich is planned - depending on the health situation this may have to change to an online format too.

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

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

Additional course information

In the case of the President's Board having to implement new directives due to the SARS-CoV-2 pandemic in SpS 2021, the course information listed above will be changed as follows:

There are no changes necessary to the course information.

The examination information listed below would be changed as follows:

The written examination and the presentation are conducted online and are being recorded.

Examination information

Examination sub part/s

1. Examination sub part (1/2)

Examination time and form

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



Examination time: term time

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

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%)

Examination time: term time

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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- Relevant US-GAAP and IFRS/IAS



- Lecture slides

Reference books

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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).