



## Course and Examination Fact Sheet: Spring Semester 2021

### 8,196: Research Seminar Financial Institutions

ECTS credits: 3

#### Overview examination/s

(binding regulations see below)

Decentral - Group examination paper with presentation (all given the same grades) (60%)

Examination time: term time

Decentral - Active participation (20%)

Examination time: term time

Decentral - Presentation (in groups - all given the same grades) (20%)

Examination time: term time

#### Attached courses

Timetable -- Language -- Lecturer

[8,196,1.00 Research Seminar Financial Institutions](#) -- Englisch -- [Brown Martin](#)

#### Course information

#### Course prerequisites

It is recommended, that students attending the MBF research seminar have already finished their compulsory coursework. The contents of these compulsory courses are considered as prerequisites.

#### Learning objectives

In the research seminar, students practice important skills in scientific research including topic motivation, literature research, paper structuring, empirical design and execution, economic interpretation of findings, and paper presentation. The experience from the seminar and the feedback received during writing will be very relevant for the master's thesis.

#### Course content

The research seminar in financial institutions focuses on current policy questions related to bank management and regulation. During the seminar, students will aim to answer current policy questions based on their own empirical analysis.

Students will become familiar with a dataset which provides financial statement data on banks. They will apply the statistical software R (or Stata) to manipulate and analyze this data.

#### Course structure

There will be an introductory session in the first week of the semester (by Zoom). The two-day seminar sessions are currently scheduled to take place off-campus. If the situation does not allow for physically held seminars, we will switch to Zoom presentations.

##### 1. Introductory meeting

See Syllabus on Canvas for further information

##### 2. Two days of seminar sessions

The date of the seminar will be announced by MBF mail before the bidding start.

#### Organization and bidding process



The seminar sessions of the research seminar are scheduled to take place off-campus. The travel by bus as well as the overnight stay and the catering are organized by the MBF programme. The research seminar is subsidized by the MBF corporate partners reducing the individual cost for students to CHF 100. Students will need to pay the fee of CHF 100 after registering for the seminar.

The bidding process for the seminar is organized decentral. The registration link will be distributed by MBF mail a few days before the 1<sup>st</sup> main round of the bidding begins.

Please contact Natascha John (Natascha.john@unisg.ch) in case of any questions regarding the organization and bidding process.

## Course literature

The relevant literature will be presented in the introductory session.

## Additional course information

- Attendance during the introductory lecture is strongly recommended.
- The research paper can be written in groups of 2-3 students. Group work is encouraged.
- The deadline for the submission of the research paper is Wednesday, 14 April, 2021 23:59:59 CET. The paper should be submitted as a pdf-file to miriam.werner@unisg.ch.
- Students are required to be present during all presentations and discussions.
- All students are requested to participate actively in all discussions.

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

- The course is conducted online via Zoom
- The recordings of the course are available for 30 days

The examination information listed below would be changed as follows:

- The presentations of the seminar papers are conducted online and are being recorded

## Examination information

### Examination sub part/s

#### 1. Examination sub part (1/3)

##### Examination time and form

Decentral - Group examination paper with presentation (all given the same grades) (60%)

Examination time: term time

##### Remark

Group Research Paper and Presentation

##### 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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## 2. Examination sub part (2/3)

#### Examination time and form

Decentral - Active participation (20%)

Examination time: term time

#### Remark

Participation in general discussion during seminar

#### 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

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#### Examination languages

Question language: English

Answer language: English

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## 3. Examination sub part (3/3)

#### Examination time and form

Decentral - Presentation (in groups - all given the same grades) (20%)

Examination time: term time

#### Remark

Group discussion of a research paper

#### Examination-aid rule

Practical examination

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#### Supplementary aids

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#### Examination languages

Question language: English

Answer language: English

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## Examination content

### 1) Group research paper

- Each group will submit a (max) 10 page summary of their research (including tables and graphs) . Each group must also submit the underlying software code.
- During the two-day seminar each group will present their research findings in the presentation sessions (20-25 minutes each)

### 2) Group discussion of a research paper

- During the two-day seminar each group will discuss the research paper of another group (5-10 minutes)

## Examination relevant literature

Relevant literature will be presented in the introductory session

### 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).