



Course and Examination Fact Sheet: Spring Semester 2021

8,368: Foreign Policy Strategies

ECTS credits: 4

Overview examination/s

(binding regulations see below)

Decentral - Presentation (in groups - all given the same grades) (40%)

Examination time: term time

Decentral - Written examination (60%, 60 mins.)

Examination time: term time

Attached courses

Timetable -- Language -- Lecturer

[8,368,1.00 Foreign Policy Strategies](#) -- Englisch -- [Davis James Warren](#)

Course information

Course prerequisites

Students should have a basic understanding of the major theories of international relations. Students who have never taken an introductory course should consult one of the introductory text books to the field in advance of the semester.

Learning objectives

Students will develop a basic understanding of fundamental tools of statecraft. They will be familiar with the logic informing theoretical analyses of strategies available to states for pursuing their interests in an anarchic international system and develop the ability to: 1) critically evaluate efforts to employ these strategies in real-world situations through the analysis of case studies; and 2) present their critiques with suggestions for improved foreign policy .

Course content

This course is devoted to the study of statecraft. The goal is to:

1. familiarize students with the academic literature devoted to the analysis of recurring foreign policy problems and the range of strategies available for managing them;
2. allow students to evaluate the utility of these general strategies through detailed analysis of individual cases.

Through the integration of theory and foreign policy practice students will gain insights into the trade-offs - both in terms of interests and values - demanded by the anarchic nature of international politics.

Course structure

(This structure may be adjusted depending on the number of students enrolled in the class.)

Session 1 General Introduction: The Domestic and International Setting of Foreign Policy

Session 2 Bridging the Gap: From Theory to Practice

Session 3 Brute Force and Coercion

Session 4 Military Intervention

Session 5 Economic Statecraft

Session 6 Diplomacy, Arguing and Bargaining



Semester Break

Session 7 International Organization

Session 8 Case Study and Discussion

Session 9 Case Study and Discussion

Session 10 Case Study and Discussion

Session 11 Case Study and Discussion

Session 12 Final Exam

Course literature

Required literature includes those texts listed in section «Examination relevant literature» as well as the case study materials that will be distributed in class.

Additional course information

Ideally, this seminar will be conducted in person on campus. In the event that the ongoing pandemic requires on-line instruction, we will move to Zoom or MSTeams. Discussions of the readings will take place online with the sessions available online for a maximum of 30 days for students who cannot attend the virtual session because of illness (documented by a doctor's note). In the event of on-line instruction, group presentations can take place either live or via voice-over-powerpoint presentations that will be made available in advance of the session. If groups choose the voice-over-powerpoint option, participants will have had an opportunity to view the presentation after which we will convene as a group in Zoom or MSTeams for discussion.

In the event that on-line instruction continues through the end of the semester, the final exam will take the form of an essay students can write at home, with questions being distributed on the last day of class and answers due the following Monday.

Examination information

Examination sub part/s

1. Examination sub part (1/2)

Examination time and form

Decentral - Presentation (in groups - all given the same grades) (40%)

Examination time: term time

Remark

Group Presentation of a Particular Case Study

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

Students will be given case study documents that will serve as the basis for their presentation in class. Additional materials can be consulted as the group sees fit.

A short summary of the presentation will be submitted to the instructor a week following the class presentation.

Examination languages

Question language: English

Answer language: English



2. Examination sub part (2/2)

Examination time and form

Decentral - Written examination (60%, 60 mins.)

Examination time: term time

Remark

Written Final Exam

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

None

Examination languages

Question language: English

Answer language: English

Examination content

The final exam, held on the last day of class, is designed to see whether students have understood key concepts and theories discussed in class and can apply them to real world cases in search of effective foreign policy strategies.

The final examination covers the topics and literature covered in the seminars as well as the data generated from the group presentations of cases.

Examination relevant literature

Relevant literature includes everything on the syllabus, case study briefing materials and the information presented in class presentations.



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).