



Course and Examination Fact Sheet: Spring Semester 2021

8,474: International Human Rights in Practice

ECTS credits: 4

Overview examination/s

(binding regulations see below)

Decentral - examination paper written at home (individual) (70%)

Examination time: term time

Decentral - Active participation (20%)

Examination time: term time

Decentral - Presentation (individual) (10%)

Examination time: term time

Attached courses

Timetable -- Language -- Lecturer

[8,474.1.00 International Human Rights in Practice](#) -- Englisch -- [Fenton-Glynn Claire](#)

Course information

Course prerequisites

There is no specific prior knowledge required, however, participants should be prepared to participate actively in class discussions.

Learning objectives

The purpose of the course is to acquaint students, on an advanced level, with fundamental questions and concepts of human rights law, and to analyse its strengths and weaknesses.

Course content

This course examines the international protection human rights, and how this has been implemented on a domestic level.

Through the use of case law from a variety of jurisdictions, students will consider different ways in which human rights can be approached and interpreted.

Course structure

1. Philosophical foundations of human rights
2. Right to life: Capital punishment
3. Right to life: Abortion
4. Freedom from torture
5. Freedom of expression
6. Freedom of religion
7. Right to health
8. Right to education
9. Reproductive rights
10. Equality and non-discrimination: Racial discrimination
11. Equality and non-discrimination: Sexual orientation
12. The future of human rights



The class will be conducted online and is designed to be interactive. The first hour of every session will be a lecture, followed by a second hour of class discussion. For this reason. It is very important that you study the cases and texts before coming to class: only then will you be able to follow the discussions and participate actively.

Course literature

The texts for this course will be made available on studynet.

Additional course information

The course will be conducted online via Zoom. The presentations will also be conducted online via Zoom.

Examination information

Examination sub part/s

1. Examination sub part (1/3)

Examination time and form

Decentral - examination paper written at home (individual) (70%)

Examination time: term time

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



2. Examination sub part (2/3)

Examination time and form

Decentral - Active participation (20%)

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

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Examination languages

Question language: English

Answer language: English

3. Examination sub part (3/3)

Examination time and form

Decentral - Presentation (individual) (10%)

Examination time: term time

Remark

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Examination-aid rule

Presentations

In presentations, aids for visual presentation can be used. These aids can be specified or restricted by the lecturers.

Supplementary aids

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Examination languages

Question language: English

Answer language: English

Examination content

Written essay: Students will be asked to write a 3000 word essay, due on June 6, 2021. Students will have 10 questions to choose from, based on the topics covered throughout the term. Students are expected to undertake research based on the material on the reading lists, as well as individual research on further sources.

Presentations: Each student will be asked to give a ten minute, in class, presentation. This presentation should be based on a case or reading from the reading list for that week. The student will be expected to summarise the case/reading, and then give their opinion as to whether the case was rightly decided (case), or whether the student agrees with the reading' argument (reading). They should then give detailed reasons why they agree or disagree.

Examination relevant literature

The literature relevant to the exam will be contained in the reader, which will be made available until 21 May on studynet.



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).