



## Course and Examination Fact Sheet: Spring Semester 2021

### 8,759: Verantwortung/Responsibility: Integratives Portfolio/Integrative Portfolio

ECTS credits: 6

#### Overview examination/s

(binding regulations see below)

Decentral - Portfolio (100%)

Examination time: term time

#### Attached courses

Timetable -- Language -- Lecturer

[8,759,1.00 Verantwortung/Responsibility: Integratives Portfolio/Integrative Portfolio](#) -- Englisch -- [Beschorner Thomas](#),  
[Wüstenhagen Rolf](#)

#### Course information

#### Course prerequisites

The prerequisite for participation in the **integrative portfolio** is the successful completion of one or two courses from the same area of concentration (6 ECTS in total) in which the portfolio is attended. Bidding is closed after the third round. By bidding on this course you accept the above mentioned conditions.

Interested students who satisfy the requirements may contact the Portfolio instructor at [Portfolio.Responsibility@unisg.ch](mailto:Portfolio.Responsibility@unisg.ch). Please use the following reference in your subject line: FS21 MA Portfolio Responsibility <Name>.

#### Learning objectives

General learning objectives:

- independent conceptualisation of a specific research question that integrates a core subject course and a course in the relevant area of concentration;
- integration of topics, theories and methods across the boundaries of courses and disciplines;
- acquisition of argumentative, methodological and linguistic competencies for an optimal preparation for the Bachelor's or Master's thesis;
- development of a capacity for (active and passive) constructive criticism in dialogue with other students in the Portfolio.

Learning objectives for the "Responsibility" area of concentration:

The students recognize questions of responsibility, they can apply them at different levels (for example, state, company, individual) and with regard to different problems. As future decision-makers in business and society, they reflect on the antecedents and consequences of acting responsibly. They explore disruptive changes in the global environment as well as their social and environmental implications, and learn to develop successful strategies for solution-oriented entrepreneurial action.

#### Course content

The **Integrative Portfolio** will provide you with an innovative learning experience that links contextual studies with your core subject. You will develop an interdisciplinary research question on the basis of the courses relevant to the Portfolio and refine the question together with faculty and fellow students. You will work through your research question in your Portfolio essay, from which you will also derive important experience for your Bachelor's thesis. In addition, the successful completion of the course will be reported in the diploma supplement.

The Portfolio emphasizes reflection on what you have learnt to date and discussion of major topics from the courses which you



want to treat in more detail. You will reflect on your learning process, receive regular feedback from faculty and fellow students and write up your insights in the concluding Portfolio essay. The course language is **German in the autumn semesters and English in the spring semesters**, but the Portfolio essay may be written in either language (this is exceptional as it deviates from the general rule applicable at the HSG, whereby the course language is identical with the examination language).

## Course structure

Undergraduates and Master students will attend the Portfolio alongside one another. The Portfolio is a blended learning course in which in-class attendance alternates with e-learning. Compulsory meetings include a kick-off, a mid-term meeting and a concluding event. The current dates in the online schedule will apply. Further meetings with the whole group or in small groups by arrangement.

## Course literature

Will be announced in the course itself.

## Additional course information

Thomas **Beschorner** is Professor of Business Ethics and Director of the Institute for Business Ethics at the University of St. Gallen. He is the author of numerous specialist publications and offers a wide range of courses at the HSG. He also writes regularly on economic, social and ethical challenges for media such as Spiegel Online, DIE ZEIT or the Neue Zürcher Zeitung. His current book "In vertiginous society" was published in 2019 by Murmann-Verlag.

**Rolf Wüstenhagen** is Professor for Management of Renewable Energies at the University of St. Gallen. Background in management science and engineering (TU Berlin). Visiting faculty positions at UBC in Vancouver, Copenhagen Business School, National University Singapore and Tel Aviv University. 2008-2011 lead author of the IPCC special report on renewable energy sources and climate change mitigation. 2011-2015, member of Federal Council's advisory board for Swiss Energy Strategy 2050.

**In the case of the President's Board having to implement new directives due to the SARS-CoV-2 pandemic in SpS2021, the course information listed above will be changed as follows:**

- The course is conducted online via the platform Zoom;
- The recordings of the course will not be saved;
- The lecturer informs via StudyNet and e-mail on the changed implementation modalities of the course;
- There are no changes necessary to the course information.

**The examination information listed below would be changed as follows:**

- There are no changes necessary to the examination information.

## Examination information

### Examination sub part/s

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

##### Examination time and form

Decentral - Portfolio (100%)

Examination time: term time

##### Remark

Integrative Portfolio with term paper

##### Examination-aid rule

Portfolio

In case of a "Portfolio" a mixed examination format (not a one-off single examination) is meant, which is composed as follows:

- The Portfolio examination consists of at least three examination parts.



- The individual parts are connected or based on each other respectively. At least one part is concerned with self-reflection and the process of learning.
- The examination parts function as a material or artefact collection.
- They have to cover a period of at least one semester.
- The Portfolio contains written and oral examination parts (e.g. essays, term papers, presentations, moderation of a debate, open-book reflection).
- Achievements can be performed as individuals or in groups, a combination of individual components and group performance is possible.
- Grading of the examination parts is possible but not required.
- A component that is not graded is considered pass/fail (according to specific criteria) or submitted/not-submitted (without criteria)
- In the end, a (final) grade is mandatory.

**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.

**Presentations/Moderation:** In presentations, aids for visual presentation can be used. These aids can be specified or restricted by the lecturers.

**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, German

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## Examination content

Portfolio (100%)

1. Oral or practical examination part (50%)

2. Peer feedback (not graded)

3. Written essay (50%): 20.000-25.000 characters including blanks. Assessment criteria and weighting: integration performance and questions, argumentation and reflection, learning objectives of the area of concentration, literature and treatment of sources,



language and style

## Examination relevant literature

Will be announced in the course itself.

### 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).