



## Course and Examination Fact Sheet: Spring Semester 2022

### 10,282: Topics in Asset Management

ECTS credits: 4

#### Overview examination/s

(binding regulations see below)

Decentral - examination paper written at home (individual) (50%)

Examination time: term time

Decentral - Presentation (individual) (30%)

Examination time: term time

Decentral - Active participation (20%)

Examination time: term time

#### Attached courses

Timetable -- Language -- Lecturer

[10,282,1.00 Topics in Asset Management](#) -- Englisch -- [Schmid Markus](#) , [Ammann Manuel](#)

#### Course information

#### Course prerequisites

This course is for PhD students.

#### Learning objectives

Enable participants to present research in a structured and concise way. Introduce participants to current research topics and/or methodological issues and approaches within the topic area asset management.

#### Course content

In the PhD course "Topics in Asset Management", participants present current research topics published in top finance and economics journals. Alternatively, they can opt to present their own research, which may be an early-stage research paper. The course aims at enabling participants to present research in a structured and concise way and introducing them to current research topics and/or methodological issues and approaches within the topic area asset management. Moreover, students will learn to critically think about and assess empirical finance research. The course serves as a platform for the discussion of current research in the field of finance.

#### Course structure and indications of the learning and teaching design

The course consists of an introductory class in the first week of the semester and two presentation slots in the second half of the semester.

#### Course literature

Will be announced in the first session.

#### Additional course information

In the case of the President's Board having to implement new directives due to the SARS-CoV-2 pandemic in SpS2022, 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 lecturers inform via StudyNet on the changed implementation modalities of the course.



The examination information listed below would be changed as follows:

- The presentations are conducted online via Zoom.
- The active participation is based on the participation during the online presentations.
- There are no changes to the term paper.

All course material will be made available on Canvas.

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## Examination information

### Examination sub part/s

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

##### Examination time and form

Decentral - examination paper written at home (individual) (50%)

Examination time: term time

##### Remark

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##### Examination-aid rule

Term papers

Written work must be written without outside help according to the known citation standards, and a declaration of authorship must be attached, which is available as a template on the StudentWeb.

Documentation (quotations, bibliography, etc.) must be carried out universally and consistently according to the requirements of the chosen/specified citation standard such as e.g. APA or MLA.

The legal standard is recommended for legal work (cf. by way of example: FORSTMOSER, P., OGOREK R., SCHINDLER B., Juristisches Arbeiten: Eine Anleitung für Studierende (the latest edition in each case), or according to the recommendations of the Law School).

The reference sources of information (paraphrases, quotations, etc.) that has been taken over literally or in the sense of the original text must be integrated into the text in accordance with the requirements of the citation standard used. Informative and bibliographical notes must be included as footnotes (recommendations and standards e.g. in METZGER, C., Lern- und Arbeitsstrategien (latest edition)).

For all written work at the University of St.Gallen, the indication of page numbers is mandatory, regardless of the standard chosen. Where page numbers are missing in sources, the precise designation must be made differently: chapter or section title, section number, article, 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 - Presentation (individual) (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

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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 - Active participation (20%)

Examination time: term time

#### Remark

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#### Examination-aid rule

Active classroom participation

In the "Active classroom participation" examination form, regular participation in class is assessed.

The assessment criteria can be as follows:

- Requests to speak enrich the discussion (productive) / requests to speak disturb the discussion (counterproductive);
- Requests to speak are correct/requests to speak are incorrect;
- Requests to speak are frequent/average/rare;
- No requests to speak, but students follow the lesson/no requests to speak and students do not noticeably follow the lessons.

#### Supplementary aids

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#### Examination languages

Question language: English

Answer language: English

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### Examination content

Participants will prepare a term paper and hold a presentation in the second half of the semester.

Students have two options. The first is to present a recent research topic (i.e. a small group of papers) published in top finance and economics journals. These topics will be selected by the lecturers and communicated in the introductory session. Specifically, students can bid for a topic included in the list of topic proposals presented by the lecturers. The term paper under option 1) will be a literature review centered on the topic chosen, but will include the most important recent literature related to the chosen topic. The second option is to present own work, usually an early-stage version of one of the PhD thesis papers. In this case, the term paper will be a preliminary draft of the respective research paper.

The first introductory session is compulsory for all students taking the course for credit. In this session, the lecturers will allocate



the topics to be prepared by students choosing option 1) and define topics with students opting to present their own research under option 2). Seminar participants will have the opportunity to ask questions. The term papers will have to be handed in by Thursday, May 12, no later than 23:59:59 CET.

Term papers should be sent as a pdf-file by email to [manuel.ammann@unisg.ch](mailto:manuel.ammann@unisg.ch) and [markus.schmid@unisg.ch](mailto:markus.schmid@unisg.ch). Presentation slides do not need to be handed in or distributed to participants. Participants are expected to participate actively in the open discussion.

## Examination relevant literature

Will be announced in the first 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, 27 January 2022);
- Examination information (regulations on aids, examination contents, examination literature) for decentralised examinations: in CW 12 (Monday, 21 March 2022);
- Examination information (regulations on aids, examination contents, examination literature) for centrally organised mid-term examinations: in CW 12 (Monday, 21 March 2022);
- Examination information (regulations on aids, examination contents, examination literature) for centrally organised examinations: two weeks before the end of the registration period in CW 15 (Monday, 11 April 2022).