



Course and Examination Fact Sheet: Spring Semester 2022

10,424: Essay Seminar

ECTS credits: 6

Overview examination/s

(binding regulations see below)

Decentral - examination paper written at home (individual) (100%)

Examination time: term time

Attached courses

Timetable -- Language -- Lecturer

[10,424,1.00 Essay Seminar](#) -- Englisch -- [Emmenegger Patrick](#)

Course information

Course prerequisites

Enrollment in a course is binding: students have to attend the course and take the exam. The grade will be shown on the scorecard.

Learning objectives

- Students learn to write academic papers for conference or journal submissions
- Students learn to discuss and evaluate the academic writing of their peers

Course content

Publication of research is one of the most important criteria according to which academics are evaluated. Increasingly articles/papers are becoming the most important form of publication in the social sciences. The goal of the course is to train students to write a paper. Each participant will work on a paper (usually from the topic of her/his dissertation). Each step in the production of the paper is discussed in class, i.e. we read and comment on each others' work in progress. Ultimately each participant should produce a paper that could be submitted either for a conference or to an academic journal. The basic idea behind the course is that we can learn from one another. As each participant will benefit from learning about how others construct their paper, draft their abstract, find "catchy" titles, write their introduction, etc., the success of the seminar strongly depends on the willingness of participants to engage with others' work and to accept critiques and suggestions from peers in the group.

Course structure and indications of the learning and teaching design

The course is organized in six sessions (with the last session taking place after the regular teaching period to allow participants to finalize their papers):

Session 1: Introduction to course, best practices, titles and abstracts

Session 2: Discussion of introductory section

Session 3: Discussion of state of the art / literature review sections (or other part, depending on specific paper)

Session 4: Discussion of theory and method sections (or other part, depending on specific paper)

Session 5: Discussion of empirical section (or other part, depending on specific paper)

Session 6: Discussion of concluding sections



If individual papers deviate from the structure sketched above, do not worry, we'll find a way to deal with this.

Participation rule: you may miss one session but not more.

Course literature

For all sessions, participants are expected to read the sections written by the other course participants.

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

- 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 - examination paper written at home (individual) (100%)

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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

Examination content

The examination consists in the writing of a "submittable" paper, either for a journal or for a (graduate) conference. Grades are pass/fail.

Examination relevant literature

The literature must be relevant to the topic of the paper.

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).