



## Course and Examination Fact Sheet: Spring Semester 2022

8,188 | 9,160: Research Seminar Insurance II

ECTS credits: 3

### Overview examination/s

(binding regulations see below)

Decentral - Presentation (individual in groups - individual grades) (80%)

Examination time: term time

Decentral - Active participation (20%)

Examination time: term time

### Attached courses

Timetable -- Language -- Lecturer

[8,188,1.00 Research Seminar Insurance II](#) -- Englisch -- [Schmeiser Hato](#)

### Course information

#### Course prerequisites

The research seminar Insurance II is primarily designed for MBF students who have already finished their compulsory coursework. The content of these compulsory courses are considered as prerequisites.

#### Learning objectives

- This course enables students to work with complex matters concerning insurance pricing, risk management and capital structure.
- Students will discuss quantitative, theoretical concepts in-depth and apply them to practical use cases.
- Coaching sessions will accompany the successful learning path of all students.

#### Course content

The seminar focuses on the elaboration of current issues in risk management and insurance. It aims to give students the opportunity to learn how to conduct independent and original research on a current topic of academic interest, present the results, and receive feedback. Students will be provided with a list of topics and will have the chance to hand in their preference. We also welcome topic suggestions that may have a connection to the student's master's thesis. During the block seminar participants will be asked to present the main findings of their paper and take the role of a discussant for another paper. In addition, participation in the general discussion is expected. Students are required to be present during all presentations and discussions. Attendance during the introductory lecture is strongly recommended.

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

#### Agenda

There will be an introductory session in the first week of the semester in St. Gallen. The two-day seminar sessions will take place off-campus.

1. Introductory meeting

See Syllabus on StudyNet for further information

2. Two days of seminar sessions

The date of the seminar will be announced by MBF mail before the bidding starts.



## Organization and bidding process

The seminar sessions of the research seminar are scheduled to take place off-campus. The travel by bus as well as the overnight stay and the catering are organized by the MBF program. The research seminar is subsidized by the MBF corporate partners reducing the individual cost for students to CHF 100. Students will need to pay the fee of CHF 100 after registering for the seminar.

The bidding process for the seminar is organized decentral. The registration link will be distributed by MBF mail a few days before the 1<sup>st</sup> main round of the bidding begins.

Please contact Natascha John (Natascha.john@unisg.ch) in case of any questions regarding the organization and bidding process.

## Course literature

Course material is provided on StudyNet. Suggestions for research topics and information about the paper, presentation, and discussion will be presented and discussed in the introductory meeting.

## Additional course information

- Attendance during the introductory lecture is strongly recommended.
- The research paper can be written individually or in groups of two students.
- The deadline for the submission of the research paper is April, 26th 2022, 23:59:59 CET. The paper should be submitted as a pdf-file to [hato.schmeiser@unisg.ch](mailto:hato.schmeiser@unisg.ch).
- Students are required to be present during all presentations and discussions.
- All students are requested to participate actively in all discussions.

Further information to be found on the StudyNet platform: <http://studynet.unisg.ch>. *All participants should carefully read the guidance on the research paper writing.*

Contact: Prof. Dr. Hato Schmeiser, [hato.schmeiser@unisg.ch](mailto:hato.schmeiser@unisg.ch)

In the case of the President's Board having to implement new directives due to the SARS-CoV-2 pandemic in Spring Semester 2022, 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 examination information listed below would be changed as follows:

- The presentations of the seminar papers are conducted online and are being recorded.

## Examination information

### Examination sub part/s

#### 1. Examination sub part (1/2)

##### Examination time and form

Decentral - Presentation (individual in groups - individual grades) (80%)

Examination time: term time

##### Remark

paper + paper presentation 60% + disc. paper 20%

##### 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

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## 2. Examination sub part (2/2)

### 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

Course evaluation is based on a preparation and presentation of a research paper (60% of final grade), a prepared discussion of another research paper (20% of final grade), and oral participation in the seminar (20% of final grade).

## Examination relevant literature

The relevant literature depends on each individual paper topic. It will be provided during the first lesson.



## 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).