



Course and Examination Fact Sheet: Spring Semester 2022

8,472: International Protection of Human Rights

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

[8,472.1.00 International Protection of Human Rights](#) -- 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 of 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 and indications of the learning and teaching design

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 course will be conducted online. Each topic will be covered by two hours of teaching. The first hour will be a lecture. The second hour will be an interactive session.

Course literature

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

Additional course information

The course will be conducted online entirely 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

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

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

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

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. 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.

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).