



Course and Examination Fact Sheet: Spring Semester 2023

4,300: International Relations

ECTS credits: 4

Overview examination/s

(binding regulations see below)

Central - Written examination (100%, 90 mins.)

Examination time: inter-term break

Attached courses

Timetable -- Language -- Lecturer

[4,300,1.00 International Relations](#) -- Englisch -- [Davis James Warren](#)

[4,300,2.00 International Relations: Exercises](#) -- Englisch -- [Schendzielorz Konstantin](#), [von Dessien Jana-Christina](#)

Course information

Course prerequisites

Students should have a good command of the English language.

Learning objectives

Students will acquire a solid foundation in the most important theoretical developments and debates in the academic study of International Relations and develop the ability to apply these theories to the analysis of historical and contemporary developments in international affairs.

Course content

This course provides an introduction to theories of international politics. The explanatory power of individual theories and schools of thought will be examined and evaluated with reference to important issues and issue areas in international politics, including: war and peace, international cooperation, international trade and investment, and human rights.

Course structure and indications of the learning and teaching design

This is a classic lecture course with accompanying tutorials where students can discuss open questions and further deepen their mastery of the course material. Lectures will be held on a weekly basis with tutorials usually held on a semi-weekly basis. The basic thematic outline of the course is as follows, with each of these topics constituting the principal focus of a weekly lecture:

- Introduction and Overview
- Classical Realism
- Neorealism
- Liberalism
- Interdependence and Regimes
- The English School
- Social Constructivism
- Power and the challenge of postmodernism
- The balance of power
- Theories of regional integration
- International Political Economy
- Foreign Policy Decision-making
- The role of force

Course literature



There will be a reader for the course available in the "Skriptenkommission." Where possible, readings will also be made available via StudyNet. All readings are to be regarded as "required" and are relevant for the final exam. The individual tutors may distribute additional materials in the tutorials.

Additional course information

Lectures will not be recorded. Students who cannot attend a lecture due to illness, military service, or other reason should ask another student for their class notes.

Examination information

Examination sub part/s

1. Examination sub part (1/1)

Examination time and form

Central - Written examination (100%, 90 mins.)

Examination time: inter-term break

Remark

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Examination-aid rule

Closed Book

The use of aids is prohibited as a matter of principle, with the exception of pocket calculator models of the Texas Instruments TI-30 series and, in case of non-language exams, bilingual dictionaries without any handwritten notes. Any other aids that are admissible must be explicitly listed by faculty members in the paragraph entitled "Supplementary aids" of the course and examination fact sheet; this list is exhaustive.

Procuring any aids, as well as ensuring their working order, is the exclusive responsibility of students.

Supplementary aids

For this closed book examination no additional materials are necessary.

Nature of examination

analog

Examination languages

Question language: English

Answer language: English

Examination content

The lectures as well as the tutorials, including the respective discussions are relevant for the final exam.

This includes the following topics:

- Classical Realism
- Neorealism
- Liberalism
- Interdependence and Regimes
- The English School
- Social Constructivism
- Power and the challenge of postmodernism



- The balance of power
- Theories of regional integration
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Examination relevant literature

The entire literature as listed on the syllabus, the readings on StudyNet (already online), as well as the literature made available through the tutorials are relevant for the final exam. All material will be made available before the end of the term.

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, 26 January 2023);
- Examination information (regulations on aids, examination contents, examination literature) for decentralised examinations: in CW 12 (Monday, 20 March 2023);
- Examination information (regulations on aids, examination contents, examination literature) for centrally organised mid-term examinations: in CW 12 (Monday, 20 March 2023);
- Examination information (regulations on aids, examination contents, examination literature) for centrally organised examinations: two weeks before the end of the de-registration period in CW 15 (Monday, 10 April 2023).