



Course and Examination Fact Sheet: Spring Semester 2023

8,477: International Perspectives on Corporate Social Responsibility

ECTS credits: 4

Overview examination/s

(binding regulations see below)

Decentral - Written examination (with defined exam duration) (100%, 90 mins.)

Examination time: term time

Attached courses

Timetable -- Language -- Lecturer

[8,477,1.00 International Perspectives on Corporate Social Responsibility](#) -- Englisch -- [Choudhury Barnali](#)

Course information

Course prerequisites

There are no pre-requisites for this course, although a background in business law and/or international law is recommended.

Learning objectives

After completing this course a student will be able:

- to describe contemporary social issues implicated by corporate activity;
- critically discuss the theories underlying corporate governance and international human rights law;
- describe the regulatory challenges raised by corporations with respect to the protection of human and other social rights;
- critically assess existing international and domestic mechanisms regulating corporate issues implicating social rights, and
- identify shortcomings in current regulatory efforts to regulate corporations and devise suggestions for improving these shortcomings.

Course content

This course provides students with perspectives into "corporate social responsibility" both as a governing mechanism for businesses as well as a form of business practice. The course will examine the theoretical paradigms surrounding the corporate objective and corporate accountability, international movements in corporate social responsibility led by organisations such as the OECD and the UN, as well as the legal frameworks in human rights protection and corporate risk management. The course will devote a significant proportion of time to the role of corporations in human rights and furthering social welfare and will discuss key critical perspectives on other social rights, including labour and the environment, where relevant. This course will challenge students into viewing the role and responsibility of the corporation from perspectives beyond the traditional paradigm of shareholder primacy and is well placed to complement traditional corporate law and regulation courses, as well as courses dealing with normative issues of jurisprudential and governance thinking.

Course structure and indications of the learning and teaching design

This is a block course over three days.

Course literature

All readings for this course will be provided in pdf format and online.

Additional course information

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Examination information

Examination sub part/s

1. Examination sub part (1/1)

Examination time and form

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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

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Nature of examination

analog

Examination languages

Question language: English

Answer language: English

Examination content

The topics covered on the exam will include: Understanding the corporation, corporations and international law, international CSR standards, corporate groups, disclosure, codes of conduct, supply chains, CSR and investment and trade, corporations and the environment.

Examination relevant literature

All literature posted on StudyNet prior to the beginning of the last class is examinable.



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).