



## Course and Examination Fact Sheet: Autumn Semester 2020

### 10,282: Topics in Asset Management

ECTS credits: 4

#### Overview examination/s

(binding regulations see below)

Decentral - Presentation (individual) (30%)

Examination time: term time

Decentral - Active participation (20%)

Examination time: term time

Decentral - examination paper written at home (individual) (50%)

Examination time: term time

#### Attached courses

Timetable -- Language -- Lecturer

[10,282,1.00 Topics in Asset Management](#) -- Englisch -- [Schmid Markus Max](#) , [Ammann Manuel](#)

#### Course information

#### Course prerequisites

This course is for PhD students.

#### Learning objectives

- Enable participants to present research in a structured and concise way
- Introduce participants to current research topics and/or methodological issues and approaches within the topic area asset management

#### Course content

In the Ph.D. course "Topics in Asset Management" participants present current research topics published in top finance and economics journals. Alternatively, they can opt to present their own research, which may be an early-stage research paper. The course aims at enabling participants to present research in a structured and concise way and introducing them to current research topics and/or methodological issues and approaches within the topic area asset management. Moreover, students will learn to critically think about and assess empirical finance research. The course serves as a platform for the discussion of current research in the field of finance.

#### Course structure

The course consists of an introductory class in the first week of the semester and two presentation slots in the second half of the semester.

#### Course literature

Will be announced in the first session.

#### Additional course information

In the case of the President's Board having to implement new directives due to the SARS-CoV-2 pandemic in the autumn semester 2020, the course information listed above will be changed as follows:

- The course is conducted online via the platform Zoom;
- The recordings of the course are available for 30 days;



- The lecturers inform students about the changed implementation modalities of the course via Canvas.

The examination information listed below would be changed as follows:

- The presentation (individual) is conducted online via Zoom;
- The active participation is based on the participation during the online presentations;
- There are no changes to the term paper.

All course material will be made available on Canvas.

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Office hours by Prof. Dr. Markus Schmid are held at Unterer Graben 21. Please make an appointment with Mrs. Beatrix Kobelt, beatrix.kobelt@unisg.ch, 071/244-7042.

## Examination information

### Examination sub part/s

#### 1. Examination sub part (1/3)

##### Examination time and form

Decentral - Presentation (individual) (30%)

Examination time: term time

##### Remark

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##### Examination-aid rule

Practical examination

No examination-aid rule is necessary for such examination types. The rules and regulations of the University of St. Gallen apply in a subsidiary fashion.

##### Supplementary aids

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##### Examination languages

Question language: English

Answer language: English

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#### 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

Practical examination

No examination-aid rule is necessary for such examination types. The rules and regulations of the University of St. Gallen apply in a subsidiary fashion.

##### Supplementary aids



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## Examination languages

Question language: English

Answer language: English

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## 3. Examination sub part (3/3)

### Examination time and form

Decentral - examination paper written at home (individual) (50%)

Examination time: term time

### Remark

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### Examination-aid rule

Term papers

Term papers must be written without anyone else's help and in accordance with the known quotation standards, and they must contain a declaration of authorship which is a published template in StudentWeb.

The documentation of sources (quotations, bibliography) has to be done throughout and consistently in accordance with the chosen citation standard such as APA or MLA.

For papers in law, the legal standard is recommended (by way of example, cf. FORSTMOSER, P., OGOREK R. et SCHINDLER B., *Juristisches Arbeiten: Eine Anleitung für Studierende*, newest edition respectively, or according to the recommendations of the Law School).

The indications of the sources of information taken over verbatim or in paraphrase (quotations) must be integrated into texts in accordance with the precepts of the applicable quotation standard, while informative and bibliographical notes must be added as footnotes (recommendations and standards can be found, for example, in METZGER, C., *Lern- und Arbeitsstrategien*, newest edition respectively).

For any work written at the HSG, the indication of the page numbers is mandatory independent of the chosen citation standard. Where there are no page numbers in sources, precise references must be provided in a different way: titles of chapters or sections, section numbers, acts, scenes, verses, etc.

### Supplementary aids

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## Examination languages

Question language: English

Answer language: English

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## Examination content

Participants will prepare a term paper and hold a presentation in the second half of the semester.

Students have two options. The first is to present a recent research topic (i.e. a small group of papers) published in top finance and economics journals. These topics will be selected by the lecturers and communicated in the introductory session. Specifically, students can bid for a topic included in the list of topic proposals presented by the lecturers. The term paper under option 1) will be a literature review centered on the topic chosen, but will include the most important recent literature related to the chosen topic. The second option is to present own work, usually an early-stage version of one of the PhD thesis papers. In this case, the term paper will be a preliminary draft of the respective research paper.

The first introductory session is compulsory for all students taking the course for credit. In this session, the lecturers will allocate the topics to be prepared by students choosing option 1) and define topics with students opting to present their own research under option 2). Seminar participants will have the opportunity to ask questions. The term papers will have to be handed in by Thursday, December 10, no later than 23:59:59 CET.



Term papers should be sent as a pdf-file by email to [manuel.ammann@unisg.ch](mailto:manuel.ammann@unisg.ch) and [markus.schmid@unisg.ch](mailto:markus.schmid@unisg.ch). Presentation slides do not need to be handed in or distributed to participants. Participants are expected to participate actively in the open discussion.

## Examination relevant literature

Will be announced in the first session.

### 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 (CW51) at the latest. In the case of centrally organised mid-term examinations, the documents and materials up to CW 42 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 34 (Thursday, 20 August 2020);
- Examination information (regulations on aids, examination contents, examination literature) for decentralised examinations: in CW 42 (Monday, 12 October 2020);
- Examination information (regulations on aids, examination contents, examination literature) for centrally organised mid-term examinations: in CW 42 (Monday, 12 October 2020);
- Examination information (regulations on aids, examination contents, examination literature) for centrally organised examinations: two weeks before the end of the registration period in CW 44 (Thursday, 29 October 2020).