



Course and Examination Fact Sheet: Autumn Semester 2020

3,310: National Model United Nations

ECTS credits: 6

Overview examination/s

(binding regulations see below)

Decentral - Group examination paper (all given the same grades) (40%)

Examination time: term time

Decentral - Active participation (15%)

Examination time: term time

Decentral - Presentation (individual) (10%)

Examination time: term time

Decentral - Presentation (in groups - all given the same grades) (20%)

Examination time: term time

Decentral - Written examination (15%, 60 mins.)

Examination time: term time

Attached courses

Timetable -- Language -- Lecturer

[3,310,1.00 National Model United Nations \(March 2021: NMUN in New York\)](#) -- Englisch -- [Tichler Julia Christina](#), [Brühwiler Häusermann Claudia Franziska](#)

Course information

Course prerequisites

This course mainly serves as a preparation for students who participate for HSG in National Model United Nations in New York in spring 2021. Students should only take this course if they have the intention of participation in the NYC spring course. Students should apply for this course by 15 July.

Learning objectives

Students apply their knowledge of the mechanisms of the United Nations in the context of a simulated GA meeting during which they demonstrate their negotiation and writing skills.

Course content

The course carries on for two terms (fall term 2020 and spring semester 2021). Some sessions in fall term introduce the students to the United Nations in general, its workings, and its problems; the skills needed for successful participation in NMUN are also trained (research, writing and drafting, public speech, representation, etc.) by various means (simulations, negotiations, etc.). In spring term, students mainly prepare participation in the simulated UN General Assembly conference, which takes place in New York and where students act as the delegates of the UN member state assigned to HSG. Students may expect to have a say in the selection of the country which they would like to represent in New York (while the final assignment is made by the organizers of the NMUN by the beginning of November; our influence is limited in this regard).

A faculty advisor (Claudia Brühwiler) and a head delegate (Julia Tichler) support the students in their effort. However, students are expected to engage very actively in the course; a high level of commitment as well as the ability to work in teams under pressure are indispensable. English language knowledge is a prerequisite, as it is the working language of the course (as well as of NMUN). Students are expected to make a coordinated, sustained effort to raise funds to finance the trip to New York.



Course structure

Some class sessions take place in fall term; additional meetings take place in spring term depending on need. Day trips are planned, most likely to take place in fall 2020 (and, of course, the week-long trip to New York), but are subject to confirmation. Further information on NMUN is available at www.nmun.org or our webpage: www.nmun.ch.

Course literature

Reading materials will be made available electronically as the course proceeds. In addition, students will have to read Linda Fasulo's *An Insider's Guide to the UN*.

Additional course information

This workshop is scheduled to be taught face to face in the autumn semester. In the case that this course should be disrupted due to the coronavirus pandemic, the workshop will take place online. All examination formats will remain the same.

Examination information

Examination sub part/s

1. Examination sub part (1/5)

Examination time and form

Decentral - Group examination paper (all given the same grades) (40%)

Examination time: term time

Remark

Position Paper, 2 page-paper

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

Aids will be discussed in class and made available to all Delegates.

Examination languages

Question language: English

Answer language: English



2. Examination sub part (2/5)

Examination time and form

Decentral - Active participation (15%)

Examination time: term time

Remark

passive and active course attendance

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

3. Examination sub part (3/5)

Examination time and form

Decentral - Presentation (individual) (10%)

Examination time: term time

Remark

Mini-simulation

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

Delegates will be able to use all the aids that will also be available to them during the New York Conference.

Examination languages

Question language: English

Answer language: English

4. Examination sub part (4/5)

Examination time and form

Decentral - Presentation (in groups - all given the same grades) (20%)

Examination time: term time

Remark

Poster Presentation (20% of final grade)

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

The format of both the posters and the hand-outs will be defined in class.

Examination languages

Question language: English

Answer language: English



5. Examination sub part (5/5)

Examination time and form

Decentral - Written examination (15%, 60 mins.)

Examination time: term time

Remark

Quiz on Rules of Procedure

Examination-aid rule

Extended Closed Book

The use of aids is limited; any additional aids permitted are exhaustively listed under "Supplementary aids". Basically, the following is applicable:

- At such examinations, all the pocket calculators of the Texas Instruments TI-30 series and mono- or bilingual dictionaries (no subject-specific dictionaries) without hand-written notes are admissible. Any other pocket calculator models and any electronic dictionaries are inadmissible.
- In addition, any type of communication, as well as any electronic devices that can be programmed and are capable of communication such as notebooks, tablets, mobile telephones and others, are inadmissible.
- Students are themselves responsible for the procurement of examination aids.

Supplementary aids

No supplementary aids are permitted.

Examination languages

Question language: English

Answer language: English

Examination content

- Poster Presentation [20% of final grade]: in groups of 4 poster, presentation, and hand-out on select aspect of «our» country's culture, history, politics etc.
- Mini-simulation [10% of final grade]
- Position Paper [40% of final grade]: 2 page-paper to be submitted to the NMUN conference; written in groups of two; usually needs to be written during the Christmas break; deadline depends on NMUN timeline
- Quiz on Rules of Procedure [15% of final grade]:
- Participation [15% of final grade; passive and active course attendance, including presentation of conference achievements plus taking care of your responsibilities as a co-organizer]

Examination relevant literature

Some readings will be made available on Canvas (for fall term: no later than December 20, 2020). In Addition, students are expected to read *An Insider's Guide to the UN* by Linda Fasulo.

Details will be sent out via e-mail



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).