



Course and Examination Fact Sheet: Autumn Semester 2020

5,300: International Law

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

[5,300,1.00 International Law](#) -- Englisch -- [Burri Thomas](#)

[5,300,2.01 International Law: Exercises, Group 1](#) -- Englisch -- [Hofstetter Dominik Kasra](#)

[5,300,2.02 International Law: Exercises, Group 2](#) -- Englisch -- [Achermann Katja Francesca](#)

Course information

Course prerequisites

Typically, students are in the fifth semester.

Learning objectives

Acquire a basic understanding of public international law // learn to understand judgments, discuss on that basis, and extract the important information from judgments // learn to think like a lawyer.

Course content

This course offers an introduction to international law. By means of concrete legal documents from specific cases (such as judgments of international courts and resolutions of the UN Security Council) the structural aspects of the international legal order are developed. The focus is on classic international law (including actors, sources, responsibility, use of force), but the more specific regimes, such as human rights and humanitarian law are also dealt with. Students are expected to study very carefully the documents that are made available before they attend class. Tutorials supplement the lectures. They are taught by teaching assistants. Their content should be considered necessary to cope with this course, its content, and the workload. The style of the tutorials is not fundamentally different from the lectures. They give you the possibility to interact even more.

Course structure

Weekly course of 90 minutes with lectures, interaction, and discussion. Students prepare in advance by means of the readings made available. Tutorials are part of the course.

Course literature

A reader will be made available on a continuous basis during the course.

Additional course information

In the case of the President's Board having to implement new directives due to the SARS-CoV-2 pandemic in AS2020, 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 day;
- The lecturer informs via e-mail on the changed implementation modalities of the course;



There are no changes necessary to the examination 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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Examination-aid rule

Extended Closed Book for Examinations in Law

The use of aids is limited. Any additional aids permitted must be listed exhaustively in the section "Supplementary aids". The following generally applies:

- For this examination, all pocket calculators of the Texas Instruments TI-30 series and mono- or bilingual dictionaries (no subject-specific dictionaries) without marginal notes are admissible. All other pocket calculators models as well as electronic dictionaries are inadmissible.
- In addition, any type of communication is inadmissible, as are all electronic devices that can be programmed and enable communication, such as notebooks, tablets, PDAs, mobiles and so on.
- Students themselves are exclusively responsible for the procurement of aids.
- All official statutory texts in the four national languages and in the English translation by the Federal Chancellery as well as the official statutory texts of the Canton of St.Gallen are always admissible.
- Additional aids and private law text collections are only permitted if they are explicitly listed in "Supplementary aids". This is an exhaustive list. Any aids and texts of laws that are not listed are expressly inadmissible and will be collected without substitution – regardless of whether they are annotated, unannotated or annotated legal editions. The confiscation of a book (even if relevant to the examination) is no reason for an appeal or a subsequent alternative examination date.
- All admissible documents may be combined in the language and number of copies that the student wishes, unless otherwise stated under Supplementary aids.

The following preparation of legal texts is allowed:

- References to other law articles, including all names of laws and article numbers as they also appear in the admissible law texts (i.e.: art. 62 et seq. CO/art. 164 para. 1 lit. a FC/art. 25. para. 2 lit. a No 8 VAT Act/ art. 158 FC combined with art. 4 ParlA/art. 29 II FC, etc.); these references must be written in one of the national languages and/or in English.
- Annotations (i.e. underlining, circling; special symbols such as arrows, asterisks, etc.) with any type of pen, including highlighters in different colours. However, no individual letters may be marked, moreover, any other notes and comments are prohibited.



- Index: self-adhesive page markers in the margin of individual texts of law are admissible; they must only bear the marginalia, titles, articles of the relevant page (i.e.: art. 141 FC: Optional Referendum or Title 5: State Authorities or art. 5 FC).
- Print-outs and copies of legal texts that are admissible according to the course and examination fact sheet (i.e. all official statutory texts issued by the Confederation, or the admitted private collections incl. table of contents and indexes), must correspond exactly to the original; the original source must be clearly discernible.

Supplementary aids

Blackstone's International Law Documents (current or previous edition), OUP.

Examination languages

Question language: English

Answer language: English

Examination content

All materials contained in the reader and discussed in class (incl. tutorials).

Examination relevant literature

The entire reader, which will be made available until 20 December 2020 at the latest on studynet, and the texts dealt with in Blackstone's International Law Documents.

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).