



Course and Examination Fact Sheet: Autumn Semester 2020

7,399: International Security

ECTS credits: 4

Overview examination/s

(binding regulations see below)

Decentral - Presentation (in groups - all given the same grades) (40%)

Examination time: term time

Decentral - examination paper written at home (individual) (40%)

Examination time: term time

Decentral - Active participation (20%)

Examination time: term time

Attached courses

Timetable -- Language -- Lecturer

[7,399.1.00 International Security](#) -- Englisch -- [Plappert Sebastian](#)

Course information

Course prerequisites

Basic knowledge of the discipline International Affairs, in particular of theories of international relations, or prior attendance of an introductory lecture on "International Relations Theories" is a prerequisite. Additionally, students have to be willing to chair discussions, actively engage in the discussions, and base their contributions on the respective readings.

Learning objectives

The students are enabled to critically deal with the presented positions. They gain a first overview of different dimensions of international security by evaluating the arguments of selected approaches in order to jointly question the underlying theoretical assumptions. An additional objective is the experience of chairing the discussion themselves, developing probing questions, and dealing with ambiguous answers or contradicting positions.

Course content

The course offers an introduction to various theoretical and empirical aspects of international security. The aim is to trace the extension of the classical concept of security to a more comprehensive understanding of security and to discuss the concept on the basis of selected key topics.

Course structure

The course is divided into three sections: In the first part we will deal with classic problems of international security studies. Subsequently, we expand the classical perspective with additional dimensions, before we then deal with specific problem areas of international security in the third section.

Course literature

Reader with selected articles per session. Compulsory reading and seminar materials are accessible via Canvas.

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 Canvas (Zoom);
- The recordings of the course are available for 30 day;



- The lecturer informs via Canvas on the changed implementation modalities of the course.

The examination information listed below would be changed as follows:

- The presentations are conducted online and are being recorded.
- The topics, deadline, scope, examination modality, and further information are communicated via Canvas.
- Otherwise, there are no changes necessary to the examination information.

Examination information

Examination sub part/s

1. Examination sub part (1/3)

Examination time and form

Decentral - Presentation (in groups - all given the same grades) (40%)

Examination time: term time

Remark

Chairing the discussion of one session in teams

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

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Examination languages

Question language: English

Answer language: English

2. Examination sub part (2/3)

Examination time and form

Decentral - examination paper written at home (individual) (40%)

Examination time: term time

Remark

Arguing for a chosen position in a short essay

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

3. Examination sub part (3/3)

Examination time and form

Decentral - Active participation (20%)

Examination time: term time

Remark

Engaging in the discussions

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

Examination content

Presentation/Discussion:

The aim is to enable an informed and structured discussion. First, present the main thesis of both of the session's texts and/or their relevance for the respective session's topic. Second, chair the subsequent discussion, pose additional, prearranged questions, and moderate between different positions. Evaluation criteria are the clarity of the presented positions, the relevance of additional questions to the discussion, and the handling of the ongoing discussion among students according to the provided guidelines.

Term Paper:

The aim is to argue for or against a specific thesis taken from one of the sessions in form of a short essay. Evaluation criteria are the clarity of the advanced position, the quality/congruence of the argument(s), and the structure of the essay according to the provided guidelines.

Active Participation:

The aim is to contribute to the student-led discussions. Evaluation criteria are the relevance of contributions, the direct reference to the respective texts, and the added value for the further discussion.

Examination relevant literature

Presentation/Discussion: The texts in the reader

Term Paper: The texts in the reader and additional sources from independent research



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).