



## Course and Examination Fact Sheet: Autumn Semester 2020

### 7,485: Introduction to Methods and Thinking of Law

ECTS credits: 4

#### Overview examination/s

(binding regulations see below)

Decentral - Written examination (85%, 90 mins.)

Examination time: term time

Decentral - Active participation (15%)

Examination time: term time

#### Attached courses

Timetable -- Language -- Lecturer

[7,485,1.00 Introduction to Methods and Thinking of Law](#) -- Englisch -- [Riznik Donald](#)

#### Course information

#### Course prerequisites

none

#### Learning objectives

Understanding the very nature of law - Understanding different theories about the foundations and prerequisites of law - Understanding different methodological approaches and their impact on legal interpretation

#### Course content

The target audience of this course on offer in the MIL programme are students who either did not have a legal education, e.g. students who move into the MIL laterally, or did not have the opportunity to deal with classic jurisprudential questions and topics during their legal studies and hence could not engage with general questions about the very nature of law. In this course we will encounter a few of these very general questions. What is law? What is the purpose of law? Is there a connection between law and morality? What role do judges and lawyers play in shaping the law? What are the foundations of legal interpretation?

The goal of this course is to broaden and deepen your knowledge about law and give you a solid basis for your further legal education in any given field (national law, European Union law and international law including all their sub-branches).

#### Course structure

The course will take place during the first half of the autumn semester and will consist of two 90 minutes units per week with lectures, interaction, and discussion.

Students are not required to give presentations in class, but active participation and interaction is compulsory. We intend to have colloquial atmosphere with a seating order, so that I can address the students by name.

#### Course literature

Texts and documents will be made available on a continuous basis during the course.

#### Additional course information

1. In case of a complete lockdown **before the commencement of the course**, the course will be cancelled.
2. In case of a complete lockdown **during the course**, the rest of the course will be given online and the imposed rules for the exam



will change into a take home exam (100 %) without rating the oral performance.

## Examination information

### Examination sub part/s

#### 1. Examination sub part (1/2)

##### Examination time and form

Decentral - Written examination (85%, 90 mins.)

Examination time: term time

##### Remark

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##### 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

none

##### Examination languages

Question language: English

Answer language: English

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#### 2. Examination sub part (2/2)

##### Examination time and form

Decentral - Active participation (15%)

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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## Examination content



All subjects discussed in class and covered by the texts and materials handed out during the course may be addressed by the questions of the final exam.

## Examination relevant literature

All texts and materials handed out during the course.

### 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).