



Course and Examination Fact Sheet: Autumn Semester 2021

10,418: Literature Seminar in Political Science

ECTS credits: 4

Overview examination/s

(binding regulations see below)

Decentral - Presentation (individual) (15%)

Examination time: term time

Decentral - Presentation (individual) (65%)

Examination time: term time

Decentral - Active participation (20%)

Examination time: term time

Attached courses

Timetable -- Language -- Lecturer

[10,418,1.00 Literature Seminar in Political Science](#) -- Englisch -- [Lehmkuhl Dirk](#), [Emmenegger Patrick](#)

Course information

Course prerequisites

Solid background in political science

Learning objectives

- Participants deepen their knowledge of the field-specific literature as well as the literature in adjacent fields.
- Participants develop expert knowledge in their specific field of research.
- Participants engage with relevant research and critique theoretical arguments and methodological approaches.
- Participants learn to synthesize the findings of relevant research.

Course content

The DIA Literature Seminar in Political Science focuses on your research interests! At the beginning of the course, in a specific kick-off meeting, participants will be invited to define their thematic interests and suggest readings for the group. Importantly, these suggestions should be neither too narrow nor too broad. They should be about the participants' research interests but broad enough to allow the other participants to benefit from engaging with this debate. Based on these suggestions, the lecturers will prepare and design seminar-style meetings in the second half of the fall term, possibly including additional guest lecturers.

Course structure and indications of the learning and teaching design

Next to a kick-off meeting in the first week of the semester, there will be up to five four-hour meetings (depending on the number of participants). Learning and teaching will be based on joint readings, input presentations (by the participants and the lecturers), and group discussions. All participants are expected to make topic suggestions in the field of political science (broadly understood) and serve as topic leaders in the corresponding group meeting on this topic. Topic leadership includes a short input presentation on the topic, the formulation of guiding questions, and the co-moderation of the discussion. All participants are expected to read the selected papers before the corresponding meetings and participate actively in the discussions.

Course literature

The required literature for this seminar will be determined jointly and based on the participants' concrete research interests.

Additional course information



In the case of the President's Board having to implement new directives due to the SARS-CoV-2 pandemic in AS2021, the course information listed above will be changed as follows:

- The course is conducted online via the platform Zoom;
- The recordings of the course will not be saved;
- The lecturers inform via e-mail on the changed implementation modalities of the course;
- There are no changes necessary to the course and examination information.

Examination information

Examination sub part/s

1. Examination sub part (1/3)

Examination time and form

Decentral - Presentation (individual) (15%)

Examination time: term time

Remark

Topic suggestion for meetings

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

2. Examination sub part (2/3)

Examination time and form

Decentral - Presentation (individual) (65%)

Examination time: term time

Remark

Topic leadership in meeting

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 (3/3)



Examination time and form

Decentral - Active participation (20%)

Examination time: term time

Remark

Active participation in discussions

Examination-aid rule

Active classroom participation

In the "Active classroom participation" examination form, regular participation in class is assessed.

The assessment criteria can be as follows:

- Requests to speak enrich the discussion (productive) / requests to speak disturb the discussion (counterproductive);
- Requests to speak are correct/requests to speak are incorrect;
- Requests to speak are frequent/average/rare;
- No requests to speak, but students follow the lesson/no requests to speak and students do not noticeably follow the lessons.

Supplementary aids

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Examination languages

Question language: English

Answer language: English

Examination content

Examination consists of three parts: (1) topic suggestion for group meetings (15%), (2) topic leadership on suggested topic (65%), and (3) active participation (20%).

Examination relevant literature

The required literature for this seminar will be determined jointly and based on the participants' concrete research interests.



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, 26 August 2021);
- Examination information (regulations on aids, examination contents, examination literature) for decentralised examinations: in CW 42 (Monday, 18 October 2021);
- Examination information (regulations on aids, examination contents, examination literature) for centrally organised mid-term examinations: in CW 42 (Monday, 18 October 2021);

Examination information (regulations on aids, examination contents, examination literature) for centrally organised examinations: two weeks before the end of the registration period in CW 45 (Monday, 8 November 2021).