



## Course and Examination Fact Sheet: Autumn Semester 2021

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

ECTS credits: 4

#### Overview examination/s

(binding regulations see below)

Decentral - Written examination (with defined exam duration) (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 and indications of the learning and teaching design

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



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:

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 (with defined exam duration) (85%, 90 mins.)

Examination time: term time

##### Remark

90 mins

##### 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

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

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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 in 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, 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).