



Course and Examination Fact Sheet: Autumn Semester 2021

7,486: Organised Crime, Corruption and Drug Trafficking

ECTS credits: 4

Overview examination/s

(binding regulations see below)

Decentral - Active participation (25%)

Examination time: term time

Decentral - examination paper written at home (individual) (75%)

Examination time: term time

Attached courses

Timetable -- Language -- Lecturer

[7,486,1.00 Organised Crime, Corruption and Drug Trafficking](#) -- Englisch -- [Schloenhardt Andreas](#)

Course information

Course prerequisites

no mandatory pre-requirements. Successful completion of criminal law is desirable, but not a requirement.

Learning objectives

After successfully completing this course students should be able to:

- demonstrate a general understanding of the relevant issues and legal problems relating to organised crime, corruption, and drug trafficking;
- demonstrate comprehensive knowledge of relevant source material, including relevant legislation, case law, government documents, and scholarly writing;
- understand relevant international and regional activities in this field;
- understand relevant government policies in this field;
- understand and appreciate the situation, needs, and rights of victims, offenders, witnesses, and those involved in the criminal justice process;
- conceptualise and independently carry out a research task;
- identify and structure relevant issues and present them logically;
- independently research, identify, and locate relevant information and literature of the highest quality;
- present and communicate research outcomes to an academic audience;
- discuss topical issues in an open forum;
- communicate clearly and efficiently in a research paper.

Course content

This course explores the international legal framework and best practice guidelines to prevent and suppress transnational organised crime, corruption, and drug trafficking. The course outlines and examines the criminology, levels, patterns, and modi operandi of these crimes, their criminalisation in international and domestic laws, and analyses national, regional and international strategies to investigate such crime and prosecute offenders.

The course gives students a comprehensive understanding of contemporary patterns and characteristics of transnational organised crime and relevant international conventions. The seminars, exercises and working-group sessions during the course invite students to critically reflect on the nature and limitations of international criminal law conventions and understand the rationale of international, regional, and domestic policies in this area.

The course further seeks to improve students' communication, presentation, discussion, and writing skills. The course enhances students' abilities to research policy documents and legal material, critically analyse legislation, case studies and scholarly writing, present to an academic audience, and elaborate practical recommendations for law reform and policy change relevant to the subject area.



Note: The course will be taught and all assessment will be conducted exclusively in English language.

Course structure and indications of the learning and teaching design

The course is blocked over a period of three days, during break. Attendance of all three days is mandatory.

Course literature

Prior to commencing the course, students will be given access to all the required reading material for this course. The course material will be provided online. For each day, the material comprises the texts of relevant international law plus supplementary reading.

Students are expected to download, read, and reflect on this material in preparation of each class. The required reading material for each module of the course is set out in the syllabus.

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 are permanently available.
- The lecturer informs via StudyNet/e-mail on the changed implementation modalities of the course.

The examination information listed below would be changed as follows:

- There are no changes necessary to the examination information.

Examination information

Examination sub part/s

1. Examination sub part (1/2)

Examination time and form

Decentral - Active participation (25%)

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

2. Examination sub part (2/2)

Examination time and form

Decentral - examination paper written at home (individual) (75%)

Examination time: term time

Remark

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Examination-aid rule

Term papers

Written work must be written without outside help according to the known citation standards, and a declaration of authorship must be attached, which is available as a template on the StudentWeb.

Documentation (quotations, bibliography, etc.) must be carried out universally and consistently according to the requirements of the chosen/specified citation standard such as e.g. APA or MLA.

The legal standard is recommended for legal work (cf. by way of example: FORSTMOSER, P., OGOREK R., SCHINDLER B., Juristisches Arbeiten: Eine Anleitung für Studierende (the latest edition in each case), or according to the recommendations of the Law School).

The reference sources of information (paraphrases, quotations, etc.) that has been taken over literally or in the sense of the original text must be integrated into the text in accordance with the requirements of the citation standard used. Informative and bibliographical notes must be included as footnotes (recommendations and standards e.g. in METZGER, C., Lern- und Arbeitsstrategien (latest edition)).

For all written work at the University of St.Gallen, the indication of page numbers is mandatory, regardless of the standard chosen. Where page numbers are missing in sources, the precise designation must be made differently: chapter or section title, section number, article, etc.

Supplementary aids

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Examination languages

Question language: English

Answer language: English

Examination content

The assessment, involving individual contributions, group tasks, and a written assessment covers all three topics covered in this course: organised crime, corruption, and drug trafficking.

Each part of this course is interactive with students expected to engage with the course content and material, discuss their experience and thoughts in class, engage actively and constructively in the discussions, and work independently and in small teams on assigned tasks. Given the teaching and assessment method used in this course, students are expected to communicate with each other and the course staff.

All students must work on a designated research topic. The research papers must not exceed 2,000 words and must be submitted electronically through StudyNet/Canvas.

Examination relevant literature

While some material relevant to the assessment will be available on StudyNet, students are expected to conduct research independently to retrieve additional information and source of the highest quality and identify research gaps.

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).



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