



Course and Examination Fact Sheet: Autumn Semester 2022

3,344: American Grand Strategy: European Colonies to Global Superpower

ECTS credits: 4

Overview examination/s

(binding regulations see below)

Decentral - Written examination (with defined exam duration) (40%, 90 mins.)

Examination time: term time

Central - Written examination (60%, 90 mins.)

Examination time: inter-term break

Attached courses

Timetable -- Language -- Lecturer

[3,344,1.00 American Grand Strategy: European Colonies to Global Superpower](#) -- Englisch -- [Davis James Warren](#)

Course information

Course prerequisites

There are no official prerequisites for this class although students should have a good command of the English language as the readings and lectures are in English.

Learning objectives

At the end of the semester students will be able to identify the major traditions of American strategic thought as well as the periods during which each was dominant in US foreign policy. Students will also be able to apply basic models of International Relations and foreign policy decision-making to the analysis of historical events.

Course content

How did thirteen relatively weak British colonies secure their independence and rise to the status of a great power within the space of 100 years? How did the only North American great power go on to become one of the 20th Century's two global superpowers and come to dominate the international system at the start of the 21st Century? This course analyzes the rise of American power in light of American Grand Strategies. The history of American foreign policy is used as a case study against which to evaluate leading theories of international politics, in particular the operation of the Balance of Power.

Course structure and indications of the learning and teaching design

Weekly lecture & discussion.

Course literature

There will be a reader for this course comprising required readings as well as a list of recommended readings distributed on the first day of class. To the extent possible, readings will also be uploaded to StudyNet/Canvas.

Additional course information

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Examination information

Examination sub part/s



1. Examination sub part (1/2)

Examination time and form

Decentral - Written examination (with defined exam duration) (40%, 90 mins.)

Examination time: term time

Remark

In class midterm essay.

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

Closed book.

Examination languages

Question language: English

Answer language: English

2. Examination sub part (2/2)

Examination time and form

Central - Written examination (60%, 90 mins.)

Examination time: inter-term break

Remark

Written Final Exam

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:

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Supplementary aids

None

Examination languages

Question language: English

Answer language: English

Examination content

The mid-term exam is based on materials from the lecture and reader.



The final exam is based on the materials presented in the lectures and found in the reader.

Examination relevant literature

There will be a reader for this course comprising required readings distributed on the first day of class.

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, 25 August 2022);
- Examination information (regulations on aids, examination contents, examination literature) for decentralised examinations: in CW 42 (Monday, 17 October 2022);
- Examination information (regulations on aids, examination contents, examination literature) for centrally organised mid-term examinations: in CW 42 (Monday, 17 October 2022);
- 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, 7 November 2022).