



Course and Examination Fact Sheet: Autumn Semester 2023

3,310: National Model United Nations

ECTS credits: 6

Overview examination/s

(binding regulations see below)

decentral - Audiovisual work, Digital, Group work group grade (25%)

Examination time: Term time

decentral - Active participation, Analog, Individual work individual grade (25%)

Examination time: Term time

decentral - Written work, Digital, Group work group grade (50%)

Examination time: Term time

Attached courses

Timetable -- Language -- Lecturer

[3,310,1.00 National Model United Nations \(März 2024: NMUN in New York\)](#) -- English -- [Bachmann Romain](#) ,
[Brühwiler Claudia Franziska](#)

Course information

Course prerequisites

This course mainly serves as a preparation for students who participate for HSG in National Model United Nations in New York in spring 2024. Students should only take this course if they have the intention of participation in the NYC spring course. Students should apply for this course by Aug. 21.

Learning objectives

Content component: Students gain solid knowledge about the United Nations and how small states can pursue their interests in the context of General Assembly meetings.

Performance component: Students represent a small state at the National Model United Nations Conference 2024 and apply their knowledge in committee negotiations.

Course content

The course carries on for two terms (fall term 2023 and spring semester 2024). Some sessions in fall term introduce the students to the United Nations in general, its workings, and its problems; the skills needed for successful participation in NMUN are also trained (research, writing and drafting, public speech, representation, etc.) by various means (simulations, negotiations, etc.). In spring term, students mainly prepare participation in the simulated UN General Assembly conference, which takes place in New York and where students act as the delegates of the UN member state assigned to HSG. Students may expect to have a say in the selection of the country which they would like to represent in New York (while the final assignment is made by the organizers of the NMUN by the beginning of November; our influence is limited in this regard).

A faculty advisor (Claudia Brühwiler) and a head delegate (Romain Bachmann) support the students in their effort. However, students are expected to engage very actively in the course; a high level of commitment as well as the ability to work in teams under pressure are indispensable. English language knowledge is a prerequisite, as it is the working language of the course (as well as of NMUN). Students are expected to make a coordinated, sustained effort to raise funds to finance the trip to New York.

Course structure and indications of the learning and teaching design

Structure:



The class will alter between weekly meetings and block meetings, with the latter giving Delegates enough time to get used to the conference format and run simulations. Some class sessions take place in fall term; additional meetings take place in spring term depending on need. Day trips are planned, most likely to take place in fall 2023 (and, of course, the week-long trip to New York), but are subject to confirmation. Further information on NMUN is available at www.nmun.org or our webpage: www.nmun.ch.

Teaching design:

A variety of didactic approaches will be used in this class. Simulations of committee sessions provide students with hands-on experience and allow them to hone their negotiation and speaking skills. Traditional input lectures, games, and student-led discussions enrich the learning experience.

Course literature

Reading materials will be made available electronically as the course proceeds. In addition, students will have to read *The United Nations: A Very Short Introduction*.

Additional course information

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Examination information

Examination sub part/s

1. Examination sub part (1/3)

Examination modalities

Examination type	Audiovisual work
Responsible for organisation	decentral
Examination form	Practical test
Examination mode	Digital
Time of examination	Term time
Examination execution	Asynchronous
Examination location	Off Campus
Grading type	Group work group grade
Weighting	25%
Duration	--

Examination languages

Question language: English

Answer language: English

Remark

Poster Presentation

Examination-aid rule

Free aids provision

Basically, students are free to choose aids. Any restrictions are defined by the faculty members in charge of the examination under supplementary aids.

Supplementary aids

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2. Examination sub part (2/3)

Examination modalities

Examination type	Active participation
Responsible for organisation	decentral
Examination form	Oral examination
Examination mode	Analog
Time of examination	Term time
Examination execution	Synchronous
Examination location	On Campus
Grading type	Individual work individual grade
Weighting	25%
Duration	--

Examination languages

Question language: English
Answer language: English

Remark

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Examination-aid rule

Free aids provision

Basically, students are free to choose aids. Any restrictions are defined by the faculty members in charge of the examination under supplementary aids.

Supplementary aids

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3. Examination sub part (3/3)

Examination modalities

Examination type	Written work
Responsible for organisation	decentral
Examination form	Written work
Examination mode	Digital
Time of examination	Term time
Examination execution	Asynchronous
Examination location	Off Campus
Grading type	Group work group grade
Weighting	50%
Duration	--

Examination languages

Question language: English
Answer language: English

Remark

Position Paper in groups of two

Examination-aid rule

Free aids provision

Basically, students are free to choose aids. Any restrictions are defined by the faculty members in charge of the examination under supplementary aids.

Supplementary aids



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Examination content

- Poster Presentation [25% of final grade]: in groups of 4 poster, presentation, and hand-out on select aspect of «our» country's culture, history, politics etc.
- Position Paper [50% of final grade]: 2 page-paper to be submitted to the NMUN conference; written in groups of two; usually needs to be written during the Christmas break; deadline depends on NMUN timeline
- Participation [25% of final grade; passive and active course attendance, including presentation of conference achievements plus taking care of your responsibilities as a co-organizer]

Examination relevant literature

Some readings will be made available on Canvas (for fall term: no later than December 22, 2022). In Addition, students are expected to read *The United Nations: A Very Short Introduction*.

Details will be sent out via e-mail.

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, 24 August 2023);
- Examination information (supplementary aids, examination contents, examination literature) for decentralised examinations: in CW 42 (Monday, 16 October 2023);
- Examination information (supplementary aids, examination contents, examination literature) for centrally organised mid-term examinations: in CW 45 (Monday, 06 November 2023);
- Examination information (regulations on aids, examination contents, examination literature) for centrally organised examinations: two weeks before the end of the de-registration period in CW 45 (Monday, 06 November 2023).