



## Course and Examination Fact Sheet: Autumn Semester 2023

### 7,486: Organised Crime, Corruption and Drug Trafficking

ECTS credits: 4

#### Overview examination/s

(binding regulations see below)

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

Examination time: Term time

decentral - Written work, Digital, Individual work individual grade (75%)

Examination time: Term time

#### Attached courses

Timetable -- Language -- Lecturer

[7,486,1.00 Organised Crime, Corruption and Drug Trafficking](#) -- English -- [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 moduli 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 law 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 the mid-semester break. Attendance of all three days is mandatory.

## Course literature

Prior to commencing the course, students will be given online access to all the required reading material for this course. The course material will be available from about mid-October. For each day, the material comprises the texts of relevant international law plus supplementary reading. The required reading material for each module of the course is set out in the syllabus which will be available online from mid-October.

## Additional course information

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## Examination information

### Examination sub part/s

#### 1. Examination sub part (1/2)

##### 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

in-class exercises and discussion

##### 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 (2/2)

### 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	Individual work individual grade
Weighting	75%
Duration	--

### Examination languages

Question language: English

Answer language: English

### Remark

research paper on a designated topic

### 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

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 1500 words and must be submitted electronically through StudyNet/Canvas. Additional information about the projects will be supplied during course.

## Examination relevant literature

While some material relevant to the assessment will be available on StudyNet, for the research papers 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, 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).