



## Course and Examination Fact Sheet: Autumn Semester 2024

### 5,300: International Law

ECTS credits: 4

### Overview examination/s

(binding regulations see below)

decentral - Written examination, Digital, Individual work individual grade (100%, 90 mins.)

Examination time: Term time

### Attached courses

Timetable -- Language -- Lecturer

[5,300,1.00 International Law](#) -- English -- [Burri Thomas](#)

[5,300,2.01 International Law: Exercises, Group 1](#) -- English -- [Musie Bana](#)

[5,300,2.02 International Law: Exercises, Group 2](#) -- English -- [Dwivedi Ritwik](#)

### Course information

#### Course prerequisites

Typically, students are in the fifth semester.

#### Learning objectives

Acquire a basic understanding of public international law // learn to understand judgments, discuss on that basis, and extract the important information from judgments // learn to think like an international lawyer.

#### Course content

This course offers an introduction to international law. By means of concrete legal documents from specific cases (such as judgments of international courts and resolutions of the UN Security Council), we discuss the structural aspects of the international legal order. The focus is on classic international law (including actors, sources, responsibility, use of force), but the more specific regimes, such as human rights and humanitarian law are also dealt with. *Students are expected to study very carefully the documents that are made available before they attend class.* Moreover, students will be given preparatory questions ("prompts") which they will be expected to discuss with an online artificial intelligence. Tutorials also supplement the lectures. They are taught by teaching assistants. They are a necessary part of the course, i.e. you need to attend the tutorials to cope with this course, its content, and the workload. The style of the tutorials is not fundamentally different from the lectures, but they give you the possibility to interact even more.

#### Course structure and indications of the learning and teaching design

Weekly course of 90 minutes with lectures, interaction, and discussion. Students prepare in advance by means of the readings and prompts made available. Tutorials are part of the course. During the 90 minutes of lectures, we will go off digital: You will not be able to use your laptop, mobile phone, or any other electronic device (to be explained during the first introductory session); so please bring pen and paper.

#### Course literature

A reader will be made available on Canvas on a continuous basis during the course. Students should obtain a copy of Blackstone's International Legal Documents (the latest edition is not necessary).

#### Additional course information



Thomas Burri is a professor of international law and European law. He is the academic director of the Master in International Law (MIL) program. For further information, including publications (link to SSRN), news, etc., see: <https://www.unisg.ch/en/university/schools/law/faculty/associate-professor-burri/>

## Examination information

### Examination sub part/s

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

##### Examination modalities

|                              |                                  |
|------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Examination type             | Written examination              |
| Responsible for organisation | decentral                        |
| Examination form             | Written exam                     |
| Examination mode             | Digital                          |
| Time of examination          | Term time                        |
| Examination execution        | Synchronous                      |
| Examination location         | On Campus                        |
| Grading type                 | Individual work individual grade |
| Weighting                    | 100%                             |
| Duration                     | 90 mins.                         |

##### Examination languages

Question language: English

Answer language: English

##### Remark

Exam will take place on 11 Dec, during the lecture

##### Examination-aid rule

Open Book

Students are free to choose aids, apart from the following restrictions:

- pocket calculator models which are not part of the Texas Instruments TI-30 series, as well as any programmable electronic devices that are capable of communication such as electronic dictionaries, notebooks, tablets, smartphones, headsets, additional screens, etc. are not admissible;
- there is an option for faculty members to explicitly define exceptions under supplementary aids.

Procuring any aids, as well as ensuring their working order, is the exclusive responsibility of students.

##### Supplementary aids

This is an open book exam. You can basically bring anything to the exam on campus, but you will not be able to access anything on your computer. In other words, you need to bring printouts to the exam.

The examination will be conducted as a digital examination with the following admissible media:

- **Private notebook** (compulsory) – no tablets!
- **Mains adapter** (compulsory)
- External computer mouse (optional)
- External computer keyboard (optional)



We would like to point out explicitly that the examination cannot be taken with tablets/iPads.

You will need the following for the examination:

- Appliance and system requirements: [cf. StudentWeb](#)
- Special software: [LockDown Browser](#)
- HSG log-in including access modalities
- WLAN – operational access to Eduroam

Please make sure that

- all the updates have been carried out before the examination.
- In the run-up to digitally conducted examinations, technical tests (mock examinations without grades) are carried out. Participation is urgently required!
- You yourself are responsible for the perfect working order of your appliance, [cf. also StudentWeb](#).
- Keyboard stickers in the language in which the examination is conducted (such as English, German, as well as Arabic, Chinese, Russian, Japanese, etc. in language examinations) are permitted. The stickers must be identical with the original characters of the language concerned.

Any use of additional appliances that are not listed above will be strictly prohibited throughout the examination.

Any necessary actions with another software or additional appliances require the express prior approval of the persons in charge of the examination and are only permitted under supervision.

Any infringement of these rules of conduct may be sanctioned as an infringement of the rules of the University.

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## Examination content

All materials contained in the reader and discussed in class (incl. tutorials).

The topics focus on classic international law (including actors, sources, responsibility, use of force), but includes more specific regimes, such as human rights.

Students are expected to study very carefully the documents that are made available before class.

The decentral exam will take place during the lecture of the penultimate week of the term (11 December).

## Examination relevant literature

The entire reader, which will be made available until the penultimate week of the term (week 50) at the latest on studynet, and the texts dealt with in Blackstone's International Law Documents.



## 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, 22nd August 2024);
- Examination information (supplementary aids, examination contents, examination literature) for decentralised examinations: in CW 12 (Monday, 18 March 2024);
- Examination information (supplementary aids, examination contents, examination literature) for centrally organised mid-term examinations: in CW 42 (Monday, 14 October 2024);
- Examination information (regulations on aids, examination contents, examination literature) for centrally organised examinations: two weeks before ending with de-registration period in CW 45 (Monday, 04 November 2024).