



Course and Examination Fact Sheet: Autumn Semester 2025

10,418: Literature Seminar in Political Science

ECTS credits: 4

Overview examination/s

(binding regulations see below)

decentral - Active participation, Analog, Individual work individual grade (20%)

Examination time: Term time

decentral - Oral examination and technical discussions, Analog, Individual work individual grade (65%)

Examination time: Term time

decentral - Oral examination and technical discussions, Analog, Individual work individual grade (15%)

Examination time: Term time

Attached courses

Timetable -- Language -- Lecturer

[10,418,1.00 Literature Seminar in Political Science](#) -- English -- [Lehmkuhl Dirk](#)

Course information

Course prerequisites

Solid background in political science.

The DIA Literature Seminar in Political Science focuses on your research interests! At the beginning of the course, in a specific kick-off meeting, participants will be invited to define their thematic interests and suggest readings for the group. Importantly, these suggestions should be neither too narrow nor too broad. They should be about the participants' research interests but broad enough to allow the other participants to benefit from engaging with this debate. Based on these suggestions, the lecturers will prepare and design seminar-style meetings in the second half of the fall term, possibly including additional guest lecturers. The required literature for this seminar will be determined jointly and based on the participants' concrete research interests.

Learning objectives

- Participants deepen their knowledge of the field-specific literature as well as the literature in adjacent fields.
- Participants develop expert knowledge in their specific field of research.
- Participants engage with relevant research and critique theoretical arguments and methodological approaches.
- Participants learn to synthesize the findings of relevant research.

Course content

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Course structure and indications of the learning and teaching design

Next to a kick-off meeting in the first week of the semester, there will be up to five four-hour meetings (depending on the number of participants). Learning and teaching will be based on joint readings, input presentations (by the participants and the lecturers), and group discussions. All participants are expected to make topic suggestions in the field of political science (broadly understood) and serve as topic leaders in the corresponding group meeting on this topic. Topic leadership includes a short input presentation on the topic, the formulation of guiding questions, and the co-moderation of the discussion. All



participants are expected to read the selected papers before the corresponding meetings and participate actively in the discussions.

Course literature

The required literature for this seminar will be determined jointly and based on the participants' concrete research interests.

Additional course information

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Examination information

Examination sub part/s

1. Examination sub part (1/3)

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	20%
Duration	--

Examination languages

Question language: English

Answer language: English

Remark

topic suggestion for group meetings

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	Oral examination and technical discussions
Responsible for organisation	decentral
Examination form	Oral examination
Examination mode	Analog
Time of examination	Term time
Examination execution	Asynchronous



Examination location	On Campus
Grading type	Individual work individual grade
Weighting	65%
Duration	--

Examination languages

Question language: English

Answer language: English

Remark

topic leadership for one session

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

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3. Examination sub part (3/3)

Examination modalities

Examination type	Oral examination and technical discussions
Responsible for organisation	decentral
Examination form	Oral examination
Examination mode	Analog
Time of examination	Term time
Examination execution	Asynchronous
Examination location	On Campus
Grading type	Individual work individual grade
Weighting	15%
Duration	--

Examination languages

Question language: English

Answer language: English

Remark

active participation based on prior reading

Examination-aid rule

Open Book

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Supplementary aids

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Examination content

Examination consists of three parts: (1) topic suggestion for group meetings (15%), (2) topic leadership on suggested topic (65%), and (3) active participation (20%).

Examination relevant literature

The required literature for this seminar will be determined jointly and based on the participants' concrete research interests.

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 43 (Freitag, 24. October 2025) 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, 21 August 2025);
- Examination information (supplementary aids, examination contents, examination literature) for decentralised examinations: in CW 42 (Monday, 13. October 2025);
- Examination information (supplementary aids, examination contents, examination literature) for centrally organised mid-term examinations: in CW 43 (Freitag, 24. October 2025);
- 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, 03. November 2025).