



Course and Examination Fact Sheet: Spring Semester 2025

4,300: International Relations

ECTS credits: 4

Overview examination/s

(binding regulations see below)

central - Written examination, Analog, Individual work individual grade (100%, 90 mins.)

Examination time: Lecture-free period

Attached courses

Timetable -- Language -- Lecturer

[4,300,1.00 International Relations](#) -- English -- [Eckl Julian](#)

[4,300,2.00 International Relations: Exercises](#) -- English -- [Schendzielorz Konstantin](#) , [Bertrand Benjamin](#)

Course information

Course prerequisites

Students should have a good command of the English language.

Learning objectives

Students will acquire a solid foundation in the most important theoretical developments and debates in the academic field of International Relations and develop the ability to apply these theories to the analysis of historical and contemporary developments in international affairs.

Course content

This course provides an introduction to theories of international politics. The explanatory power of individual theories and schools of thought will be examined and evaluated with reference to important challenges and issue areas in international politics, including: security, the use of violence, international cooperation, international trade, and international order.

Course structure and indications of the learning and teaching design

This is a classic lecture course with accompanying tutorials where students can discuss open questions and further deepen their mastery of the course material. Usually, lectures will take place weekly and tutorials bi-weekly. The weekly lectures will commonly have a thematic focus. Typical examples of such a focus would be the following ones:

- Classical Realism
- Neorealism
- Liberalism
- English School
- Social Constructivism
- Power and Postmodernity
- International Political Economy
- Foreign Policy Decision-making
- The Role of Violence

Course literature



The relevant literature will be announced throughout the semester on the digital learning platform. The tutors may distribute additional materials in the tutorials.

Additional course information

Lectures will not be recorded. Students who cannot attend a lecture due to illness, military service, or other reasons should ask another student for their class notes.

Examination information

Examination sub part/s

1. Examination sub part (1/1)

Examination modalities

Examination type	Written examination
Responsible for organisation	central
Examination form	Written exam
Examination mode	Analog
Time of examination	Lecture-free period
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

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Examination-aid rule

Closed Book

The use of aids is prohibited as a matter of principle, with the exception of pocket calculator models of the Texas Instruments TI-30 series and, in case of non-language exams, bilingual dictionaries without any handwritten notes. Any other aids that are admissible must be explicitly listed by faculty members in the paragraph entitled "Supplementary aids" of the course and examination fact sheet; this list is exhaustive.

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

Supplementary aids

No supplementary aids.

Examination content

The lectures as well as the tutorials, including the respective readings and discussions are relevant for the final exam.

Examination relevant literature



The entire literature as announced on the digital learning platform as well as the literature made available in the tutorials are relevant for the final exam. All material will be made available before the end of the term.

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 (CW21) at the latest. In the case of centrally organised mid-term examinations, the documents and materials up to CW 13 (Monday, 25 March 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 04 (Thursday, 23 January 2025);
- Examination information (supplementary aids, examination contents, examination literature) for decentralised examinations: in CW 12 (Monday, 17 March 2025);
- Examination information (supplementary aids, examination contents, examination literature) for centrally organised mid-term examinations: in CW 14 (Monday, 31 March 2025);
- Examination information (regulations on aids, examination contents, examination literature) for centrally organised examinations: two weeks before ending with de-registration period in CW 15 (Monday, 07 April 2025).