

Course and Examination Fact Sheet: Spring Semester 2025

8,488: Transnational Regulation

ECTS credits: 4

Overview examination/s

(binding regulations see below)

decentral - Presentation, Analog, Individual work individual grade (35%)

Examination time: Term time

decentral - Written examination, Analog, Individual work individual grade (65%, 90 mins.)

Examination time: Term time

Attached courses

Timetable -- Language -- Lecturer 8,488,1.00 Transnational Regulation -- English -- Senn Myriam

Course information

Course prerequisites

None. Interest in regulatory developments in an interdisciplinary context.

Learning objectives

The students are able to identify and delineate the concept of transnational regulation as well as to understand the theoretical debate going on in that regard. They are in a position to assess the issues raised by this concept in a practical context too.

The students can explain the relationship between the diverse spheres pertaining to the concept of transnational regulation.

Course content

Regulation is a key concern for businesses, citizens, and governments alike. Nowadays, it is no longer the sole prerogative of the state. Virtually every area of law is enmeshed within a web of state and non-state rules either at the national, international, or transnational level. With processes of (de-)globalization and privatization of societal, mainly economic, relations, the traditional public-private divide of regulation is evolving. New practices, standards and rules are emerging alongside transnational networks of either regulators or private groups of interest.

The course focuses on the study of the underlying theoretical concepts of multilevel regulation. It examines how state law and international law cope with transnational regulatory developments, i.e. developments that transcend the perspective of a legal order centred towards the state. Indeed, the potential of this field it extremely large. This, although the debate on what transnational regulation is, is still going on.

The presentation and discussion of chosen case studies illustrate the theoretical approach.

Topics covered include:

- an introduction to regulation and the actors' role, e.g. the state
- the concepts of national, international, and transnational regulation
- international commercial arbitration and transnational regulation
- regulatory strategies applied to climate change
- role and function of formal and informal regulatory networks
- public and private regulatory regimes, e.g. private military firms



- contribution and challenges of regulatory cooperation
- legitimacy, rule of law and transnational regulation

The course will include individual and/or group assignments on selected issues to be discussed in class.

Course structure and indications of the learning and teaching design

12 weekly two-hour courses in the format of lecture, topic-led discussions, individual and/or group presentations or group work by students.

Individual preparation and follow-up of the lectures by the students is expected.

Course literature

Reading assignments are made available on a weekly basis on Studynet (Canvas) throughout the duration of the course. They include book chapters, articles, cases, and materials.

Additional course information

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Examination information

Examination sub part/s

1. Examination sub part (1/2)

Examination modalities

Examination type Presentation
Responsible for organisation decentral

Examination Oral examination

Examination mode Analog
Time of examination Term time
Examination execution Asynchronous
Examination location On Campus

Grading type Individual work individual grade

Weighting 35%
Duration --

Examination languages Question language: English Answer language: English

Remark

individual or group as per number of participants

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 examination

Responsible for organisation decentral
Examination form Written exam
Examination mode Analog
Time of examination Term time
Examination execution Synchronous
Examination location On Campus

Grading type Individual work individual grade

Weighting 65%
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

None.

Examination content

Final written examination: lecture and course materials.

Examination relevant literature

Reading assignments provided during the course (on Studynet until 15 May 2025).



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).