University of St.Gallen

Course and Examination Fact Sheet: Spring Semester 2015

8,480: Great Legal Traditions and Cultures of the World

ECTS credits: 4

Overview examination/s

(binding regulations see below)
Central - Oral examination (individual) (100%, 20 mins.)

Attached courses

Timetable -- Language -- Lecturer
8,480,1.00 Great Legal Traditions and Cultures of the World -- English -- Sester Peter , Müller-Chen Markus

Course information

Course prerequisites

None

Course content

Growing internationalization and interdependencies between business and private affairs force legal practitioners to look beyond their own legal systems. In order to be commercially and scholarly successful, substantial knowledge of foreign legal systems in their respective social and cultural contexts is key. In today's world, neither jurisprudence nor legislation can ignore foreign problem solving mechanisms.

This course introduces the concept of comparative law, highlighting its importance and problem solving methodology, discussing the transferability of foreign legal concepts and giving an overview over the two main legal traditions: civil and common law. Additionally there will be an introduction the Brasilian political, economic and legal system as well as to Islamic law and selected Asian legal systems. Furthermore, students shall gain insight into selcted topics from a comparative perspective.

Course structure

The course will be held as a series of lectures. Students will be introduced to comparative law, comprising the basic concept and methodology of comparative law. Furthermore, the course will be enriched and supported by guest lectures on Brazilian political, economic and legal system, Asian legal cultures, Islamic law and an overview over legal Systems in Africa.

Course literature

Comparative Private Law, edited by Markus Müller-Chen, Corinne Widmer Lüchinger, Christoph Müller, Zurich 2015
Further documents uploaded on studynet

Additional course information

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Examination information

Examination sub part/s

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1. Examination sub part (1/1)

Examination time and form
Central - Oral examination (individual) (100%, 20 mins.)

Remark
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Examination-aid rule
Extended Closed Book
The use of aids is limited; any additional aids permitted are **exhaustively** listed under "Supplementary aids". Basically, the following is applicable:

- At such examinations, all the pocket calculators of the Texas Instruments **TI-30** series and bilingual dictionaries without hand-written notes are admissible. Any other pocket calculator models and any electronic dictionaries are inadmissible.
- In addition, any type of communication, as well as any electronic devices that can be programmed and are capable of communication such as notebooks, tablets, PDAs, mobile telephones and others, are inadmissible.
- Students are themselves responsible for the procurement of examination aids.

Supplementary aids
None

Examination languages
Question language: English
Answer language: English

Examination content
The examination covers the topics in the text book Comparative Private Law (without Annex), ed. by Markus Müller-Chen, Corinne Widmer Lüchinger, Christoph Müller, Zürich 2015, additional documents uploaded on studynet until May 29, 2015 as well as the content of the lectures and guest lectures.

Examination relevant literature
Textbook Comparative Private Law (without Annex), ed. by Markus Müller-Chen, Corinne Widmer Lüchinger, Christoph Müller, Zurich 2015
Any additional documents uploaded on studynet per 29. May 2015

Please note
We would like to point out to you that this fact sheet has absolute priority over other information such as StudyNet, faculty members' personal databases, information provided in lectures, etc.

When will the fact sheets become binding?

- Information about courses and examination time (central/decentral and grading form): from the start of the bidding process on 22 January 2015
- Information about decentral examinations (examination-aid rule, examination content, examination relevant literature): after the 4th semester week on 16 March 2015
- Information about central examinations (examination-aid rule, examination content, examination relevant literature): from the start of the enrolment period for the examinations on 6 April 2015

Please look at the fact sheet once more after these deadlines have expired.