



Course and Examination Fact Sheet: Spring Semester 2025

8,387: Ruling Nation States in Europe

ECTS credits: 4

Overview examination/s

(binding regulations see below)

decentral - Presentation, Analog, Group work group grade (30%)

Examination time: Term time

decentral - Written work, Digital, Individual work individual grade (70%)

Examination time: Term time

Attached courses

Timetable -- Language -- Lecturer

[8,387,1.00 Ruling Nation States in Europe](#) -- English -- [Schmid Ulrich](#)

Course information

Course prerequisites

No prerequisites

Learning objectives

Students will learn how to analyse:

- the relation of nation and state
- historical examples of supranational government
- current problems of governing states with several nationalities
- compare different cases of multinational and supranational government structures in Europe

Course content

Theories of the nation state

Tsarist Russia, the Soviet Union, and the Russian Federation as multinational states

Austria-Hungary and its nationalities

The Ottoman Empire

Devolution in the United Kingdom

Czechoslovakism and Yugoslavism

European and Eurasian integration

Course structure and indications of the learning and teaching design



The course takes place every week for 90 minutes. Students are expected to have read the literature for each week in advance in order to be able to discuss the topics.

Course literature

All texts to be discussed will be uploaded on canvas.

Recommended literature (not mandatory):

Hugh Seton-Watson: Nations and states. An enquiry into the origins of nations and the politics of nationalism. London : Methuen 1977.

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 form	Oral examination
Examination mode	Analog
Time of examination	Term time
Examination execution	Asynchronous
Examination location	On Campus
Grading type	Group work group grade
Weighting	30%
Duration	--

Examination languages

Question language: English

Answer language: English

Remark

Gruppenpräsentation im Seminar

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 work
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Responsible for organisation	decentral
Examination form	Written work
Examination mode	Digital
Time of examination	Term time
Examination execution	Asynchronous
Examination location	Off Campus
Grading type	Individual work individual grade
Weighting	70%
Duration	--

Examination languages

Question language: English

Answer language: English

Remark

12000 characters

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Free aids provision

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Supplementary aids

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Examination relevant literature

Texts on Canvas (online as of Feb. 20, 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).