

PROGRAMME REGULATIONS

for the Ph.D. in International Affairs and Political Economy at the University of St.Gallen

dated 14 November 2016

The Senate of the University of St.Gallen
has decreed the following programme regulations

pursuant to Art. 88 para. 1 (h) of the university statutes
dated 25 October 2010:¹

I. General provisions

Art. 1. These regulations govern special conditions for the Ph.D. in International Affairs and Political Economy (DIA) at the University of St.Gallen regarding

- a) admission;
- b) programme structure;
- c) examinations and their evaluation.

Scope of application

II. Admission

Art. 2. ¹Under Art. 15 of the Award Regulations [PromO 17], applicants may be admitted to the Ph.D. programme in International Affairs and Political Economy if they

- a) hold a completed Master's degree from the University of St.Gallen (HSG);
- b) hold a completed Master's degree or a Licentiate (university degree) in a subject related to social sciences.

Terms of admission

Art. 3. ¹In addition to the conditions laid down in Art. 16 of the PromO 17, the following conditions apply for admission:

- a) proof of language proficiency in the programme language of English, skill level C1;
- b) the submission of application documents in due form and before the deadline.
- c) simultaneous matriculations at two universities in the same or a different subject area are only possible if the other university provides written confirmation that the other university waives the contribution payments under the Inter-Cantonal University Agreement dated 20 February 1997 [sGS 217.81].

Further terms of admission

¹ sGS 217.15

Art. 4. ¹When the grade average is below 5.00, then the Supervisor shall provide a reasoned application to the Programme Committee.

Art. 5. ¹Admission to the Ph.D. programme is based on the Programme Committee's evaluation of the submitted application documents ('sur dossier'). .

²The Programme Committee may also carry out interviews with applicants.

³Admission is communicated through a decree issued by the Dean of Studies.

Art. 6. ¹On admission to the Ph.D. programme, additional entry requirements covering a maximum of 18 ECTS credits may be imposed.

²These additional entry requirements involve introductory courses and courses in the core discipline.

³The additional entry requirements will depend on the student's previous education and are defined jointly by the Supervisor and the Programme Committee and are communicated to the student through a decree issued by the Dean of Studies.

Additional entry requirements

Art. 7. ¹The additional entry requirements are deemed to have been completed once all relevant courses have been passed with a minimum grade of 4.00.

²One further attempt is permitted after failure to pass a course.

³If the additional entry requirements are not passed at the second attempt, the student may not continue with the Ph.D. studies.

Passing additional entry requirements

III. Programme structure

Art. 8. ¹The programme is conducted in English.

Language of the programme

Art. 9. ¹The coursework phase includes a total of 24 ECTS credits.

²The coursework phase is split into compulsory courses, compulsory elective courses and non-compulsory elective courses:

- a) students must complete two compulsory courses, for 6 ECTS credits each;
- b) 12 ECTS credits must be earned by taking compulsory elective courses and the non-compulsory elective courses, with at least 4 ECTS credits coming from the DIA compulsory electives.

Coursework phase:

- a) Compulsory courses
- b) compulsory electives courses

Art. 10. ¹The Programme Committee defines the compulsory elective courses.

²The Ph.D. students decide on their courses in consultation with their Supervisor.

Defining the compulsory elective courses

Art. 11. ¹During the research phase two seminars – one essay seminar and one Ph.D. seminar - must be completed.

²Each seminar earns 6 ECTS credits.

Research phase

Art. 12. ¹The Course Scheme spells out in detail what must be done in order to successfully complete the Ph.D. programme.

Course Scheme

IV. Examinations and their evaluation

Art. 13. ¹The types of examinations for the courses are:

Types of examination

- a) Individual examinations:
 - 1. Written examination;
 - 2. Written paper;
 - 3. Oral examination (including presentation)
- b) Group evaluations:
 - 1. Written paper;
 - 2. Oral examination (including presentation)

²Active participation by the Ph.D. student in classes can influence grades up to a maximum of 20%.

Art. 14. ¹The courses during the coursework phase are awarded grades from 1 to 6; the seminars during the research phase are graded as "passed" or "not passed".

Grading

V. Final provisions

Art. 15. ¹These regulations will come into effect as of 1 August 2017.

Date of application

²They apply to students who start a Ph.D. study programme at the University of St.Gallen from the autumn semester 2017 onwards.

³From 1 August 2020 these regulations will apply to all Ph.D. students.

Art. 16. ¹For students who start their Ph.D. studies before 1 August 2017 and who have completed courses in the coursework phase at the end of the 2017 spring semester, the Course Regulations of 4 June 2007 shall apply until 31 July 2020.

Transitional rules

²The Course Scheme covers the transitional provisions.

³The Senate Committee is authorised, as necessary in urgent cases, to issue transitional provisions to the benefit of the students as part of the Course Scheme.

Art. 17. ¹The Course Regulations for the Doctorate in International Affairs and Political Economy from the University of St.Gallen dated 4 June 2007 will be suspended with effect from 1 August 2020.

Suspension of currently applicable rules

On behalf of the Senate,

The President:
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The General Counsel:
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