Course and examination fact sheet for guest students - Autumn semester 2021

1. ECTS credit and workload policy
At the University of St. Gallen (HSG) 1 ECTS corresponds to 30 hours of course-related work (in & out of class). Guest students earn the same number of ECTS credits per course as regular HSG students.
Follow your home university’s guidelines for the required semester workload.

- Minimum semester workload at HSG: 16 ECTS for guest students; 24 ECTS for THEMIS and CEMS MIM students (incl. skill seminars).
- Maximum semester workload at HSG: 40 ECTS.

The average full semester workload for regular HSG degree students is 24-30 ECTS. Students may not be awarded extra credits for additional work (i.e., term papers, presentations, etc.), nor is it possible to attend only part of a course and achieve partial credit.

2. Course registration (bidding) and course system

2.1 Bidding
The course registration process at HSG is called “bidding” and all guest students are required to participate. Bidding takes place on our online platform Compass two weeks before the semester starts. CEMS students see also #3.
For detailed information about bidding, please see the “Bidding fact sheet guest students” or “CEMS bidding fact sheet” on our website – section “Course information, registration and workload”. Most courses are open for guest students but note the comments on the table below. We highly recommend that you choose courses based on your current level of study at your home university.

As mentioned above, the maximum workload at HSG is 40 ECTS per semester. Please note:
- Students are responsible for limiting their assigned courses to a maximum of 40 ECTS.
- Substantially justified requests for a larger contingent must be submitted electronically to Student Mobility no later than by the end of the last bidding main round.
- If no approved request has been submitted and the assigned courses have not been adjusted correspondingly seven days after the last waiting list round has ended, courses will be removed irrevocably from the course list in the order of the last allocated courses until the minimum workload of 16 ECTS is reached.
- Courses that have been removed cannot be attended and completed.
- Planning on taking central examinations:
Examinations of central examinations can overlap although the lectures of the courses do not overlap. Therefore, if you plan to sit the central examinations of your courses, make sure to check the definite examination schedule for central examinations (which will be available in StudentWeb by the time the bidding begins) before you bid for courses.
- Planning on taking decentral or alternative decentral guest examinations:
Avoid registering for courses that clash since often (not always), the decentral examination takes place at the same day & time as the lectures.

2.2 Course numbering, descriptions and schedule

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<th>Level</th>
<th>Remarks</th>
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| 1,000 – 1,999 | Assessment | First year of Bachelor education  
- Not open to guest students  
- Except language courses which are open to guest students |
| 3,000 – 3,999 & 5,000 – 5,999 | Bachelor | Bachelor courses are open to all guest students |
| 7,000 – 7,999 & 9,000 – 9,999 | Master | Bachelor guest students may attend Master courses if necessary and if prerequisites are fully met.  
The following courses are not open to BACHELOR guest students  
- Core courses of all Master programmes  
- SIM courses  
The following courses are not open to any guest students  
- CEMS courses (only for CEMS guest students)  
- Business journalism courses  
- Business teacher education courses  
- MBA programmes |
| 10,000 – 10,999 | Ph.D. | Not open to guest students |
| All language courses | | No foreign-language course work can be taken in the same language below an examination level that has already been taken. |

- Links to course information sheets are available on our website – section “Course information, registration and workload”.
- Be on time to class - course information sheet indicates xx:00 but class will start at xx:15.
3. CEMS students

CEMS core course

HSG CEMS and CEMS guest students are registered automatically by the HSG CEMS Programme Manager for the mandatory CEMS core course.

CEMS exclusive courses (special CEMS courses only for CEMS students)

HSG CEMS and CEMS guest students need to bid for these courses in the CEMS section in the bidding.

CEMS elective courses (courses for the CEMS curriculum from the HSG Master curriculum)

Certain courses from the regular HSG curriculum fulfill the CEMS elective courses requirements. Therefore, CEMS guest students bid for the elective courses in the Master section in the bidding.

In order to have CEMS elective courses (including grades) transferred to the CEMS curriculum on cems.org, CEMS students must inform the CEMS Programme Manager at cems@unisg.ch about their choice. (CEMS core and exclusive courses are automatically listed.) See also #5 for information on HSG transcripts.

Current and previous CEMS curricula can be found at https://www.cems.org > CEMS Community > Academic Members > School list > ‘University of St.Gallen’ > Programme Offer. For more detailed information please also refer to separate information you will receive by e-mail from the CEMS Office regarding curriculum and registration.

4. Examinations

4.1 Examination types

The HSG’s examination system makes a distinction between

- Central examinations (including MidTerm)
- Decentral examinations

4.2 Examination registration and deregistration

Compensation for disadvantages

It is an aim and a task of the University of St.Gallen to enable students with disabilities to have fair examination conditions. Students with a disability and/or chronic illness can request compensation for disadvantages. Deadlines: Decentral and central examinations: Friday, CW 46. For detailed information and application form see StudentWeb.

With course allocation via bidding, students are automatically registered for the official examination as indicated in the course information sheet. Exception regarding central examinations (excluding MidTerm): all guest students are automatically registered for the alternative decentral guest examination which takes place during the term time.

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<td>MidTerm</td>
<td>Semester week 36</td>
<td>Students are automatically registered with course allocation via bidding. Alternative examination dates are not possible.</td>
<td>Not possible 30.10.2021 until two weeks before the examination takes place</td>
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<td>Examination date Autumn semester 2021: 19 and 20 November 2021.</td>
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<td>Decentral</td>
<td>September-December (during the term time)</td>
<td>Usually take place in the last weeks of the term time but may also take place throughout the term time.</td>
<td>Students are automatically registered with course allocation via bidding. Students must schedule the examination date directly with the lecturer.</td>
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<td>Usually take place in the last weeks of the term time but may also take place throughout the term time.</td>
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<td>Central</td>
<td>January-February (after the term time)</td>
<td>Instead of central examinations, guest students are entitled to take decentral guest examinations which take place during the term time. Guest students must schedule the examination date directly with the lecturer.</td>
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<td>Only if guest students prefer to take central examinations after the term time, students must deregister from the decentral guest student examination (which is irrevocable) and register for the central examination in Compass between 08. – 18.11.2021.</td>
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Please note: Guest students may not take the decentral guest examination (during term time) if they have registered in Compass for the regular central examination (after the term time). If they do sit a decentral guest examination without being officially registered for it, such examination will be deemed invalid. Guest students may not take a central examination (after term time) if they have registered in Compass for the decentral guest examination (during the term time). If they try to sit a central examination without being officially registered for it, such examination will be deemed invalid. The notification of grades will include only the results of the examinations for which the student was officially registered. Further information are available in the Decrees of the University of St. Gallen. Administrative fees may apply if the instructions for deregistering from central/MidTerm examinations are not followed.

Meet the deadlines and/or other specific examination registration requirements for each class, also as instructed by the course lecturer.

Course Withdrawal
Course withdrawal of decentral (guest) examinations is possible but students must inform the lecturer about any withdrawal. Make sure you still meet the minimum requirement of 16 ECTS (24 ECTS CEMS MIM and THEMIS) semester workload after course withdrawal.

Non-appearance
Non-appearance without excusable reason at registered central examinations (incl. MidTerm) result in a grade 1.0!

Failed examination
- A failed examination may not be re-taken.
- Failing grades may not be improved through additional assignments.
- Failed courses will appear on the transcript.

Plagiarism
The theft of intellectual property is a serious offence. Such an offence can have drastic consequences for your studies and professional life. The University of St. Gallen instructs its students in academic work and sanctions any instances of plagiarism. For detailed information and fact sheet see StudentWeb.

Guest students enrolled for two consecutive semesters
Guest students enrolled for two consecutive semesters at the University of St. Gallen must take the official examination as indicated in the course information sheet during the first semester. If the course information sheet indicates central examination, a decentral guest examination is only possible if the lecturer agrees. If the lecturer does not agree, guest students must deregister from the decentral guest examination and register for the central examination via Compass until 18.11.2021.

Applying for HSG degree studies
If you would like to begin a degree at the HSG after you have returned to your home university and after you have finished your course of study at home, please note that examinations may only be considered for transfer towards your studies at the HSG if they were taken during the official HSG examination time.

4.3 Absence due to illness or accident during examination time

Procedure regarding decentral examinations
- Notification by e-mail to the lecturer responsible for the examination before the examination begins.
- Submission of written proof (medical certificate, etc.) via Compass.
- Contact the lecturer to schedule an alternative examination date as soon as possible. The examination must take place until 31 January.

Procedure regarding central examinations
- Submission of application and written proof via Compass before the examination begins.
- An alternative examination date is not possible.

5. Grade reporting – digital notification of grades and transcript

- About seven weeks after the end of the exchange term, we will publish the digital notification of grades in Compass. You will be notified by e-mail to your student.unisg.ch e-mail-account each time grades are published. Check your unisg-e-mail inbox and Compass regularly, also after your departure. The notifications of grades published in Compass are binding. Grades may be appealed. Deadline for appeals: 14 days after the publication of grades in Compass.
- Student Mobility will send the final transcript of the courses taken and the grades achieved to your home university (this is provided that no appeal has been made). The transcript will be sent once all grades for all courses are submitted; partial transcripts are not issued. Transcripts for Freemovers will be sent to the students’ home address.

Both the digital notification and the transcript include only the courses for which the examination was taken. For each course, the course title, course number, HSG grade, and ECTS credits are stated. Credits are given only when the examination is successfully passed. A failed course does not receive any credits but it will appear on the transcript with the failing grade. It is not possible to have a course listed as "attended" or "passed".

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<th>Examination results shall be awarded grades in quarter-grade steps between 1.00 and 6.00, with 6.00 being the highest grade and 1.00 being the lowest grade. The half-grade steps shall have the following meaning:</th>
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