Crediting of internally and externally completed courses and seminars
PEcon21 (Graduate Programme in Economics and Finance: Specialisations Economics and Econometrics)

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Legal basis: Award Regulations of the University of St Gallen, November 7, 2016 (PromO 17 as of 1 August 2021), Course Regulations for the Doctoral Studies in Economics and Finance of November 2020 (PEcon21), and Implementation Provisions of May 2, 2017.

The regulations regarding crediting are stipulated in Art. 15 of the PEcon21 Course Regulations

On request, the Programme Committee may credit internally and externally completed courses and seminar presentations of equal value to the compulsory courses, compulsory elective courses and Ph.D. seminars.

A maximum of 16 ECTS credits of internally and externally completed courses and seminars can be credited.

Courses taken at other universities (for example, NCCR, Gerzensee, ETHZ, UZH, Mannheim Constance, Frankfurt, Mannheim, etc.) may be credited for PEcon elective courses. The Programme Committee decides on the equivalence of other doctoral courses. Students may get credits for such courses only if they pass an examination.

Students are strongly advised to consult the Programme Committee (via the Executive Director) before taking courses outside the University of St.Gallen: students have to submit a written request to the Executive Director with a detailed course description (title of the course, name of the lecturer, course outline, number of ECTS credits) and indicating in what specialisation the course shall be credited. The Executive Director forwards the request to the member of the Programme Committee responsible for the specialisation.

In individual cases, the Programme Committee may credit internally and externally completed courses up to a maximum of 24 ECTS credits. This applies in particular to:

- students attending the whole Gerzensee programme (credited as 6 courses):
  - the sequence in Econometrics counts as 2 Econometrics courses: one compulsory Master’s course and one compulsory elective course (8 ECTS);
  - two sequences in Economics count as 4 Economics courses: two compulsory Master’s courses and two compulsory elective courses (16 ECTS);
- students who changed from a similar Ph.D. programme at another university to the University of St.Gallen;
- students who already got credited compulsory Master’s courses up to 12 ECTS credits and, given her/his research focus, need to take more than one PhD course at another university;
- students who completed courses at another university during a one- or two-semester exchange.