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.

II. Admission

Art. 2. Under 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.

Art. 3. In 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].

\(^1\) 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.

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.

III. Programme structure

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

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.

Art. 10. ¹The Programme Committee defines the compulsory elective courses. ²The Ph.D. students decide on their courses in consultation with their Supervisor.

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.

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

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

V. Final provisions

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

On behalf of the Senate,

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