

Course Scheme for Ph.D. in International Affairs and Political Economy (DIA)¹
Programme Regulations 20

(based on Art. 12 of the Programme Regulations for the DIA Ph.D. Programme dated 11 November 2019).

Unit (seminar, course, etc.)	Semester	ECTS Credits	Grading*	Remarks
1 Compulsory				
1.1 Philosophical and Methodological Foundations of Social Science Analysis	1-4	6	No	
1.2 Proposal Colloquium	1-4	6	No	
Total compulsory courses		12		Two compulsory courses must be taken.
2 Compulsory elective				
2.1 Compulsory elective courses for DIA	1-4	4-12	No	Min. 4 – max. 12 ECTS credits (min. 1 course from the subject areas of political science, economics or Institutional Organisation Theory)
3 Non-compulsory elective				
3.1 Methodological and specialist courses		0-8	No	Min. 0 – max. 8 credits (non-required optional courses may be taken for up to max. 8 ECTS credits)
Total compulsory elective and non-compulsory elective courses	1-4	12	No	A total of 12 ECTS credits must be earned from compulsory courses and non-compulsory elective courses.
Total coursework phase		24		
4 Research proposal (incl. the colloquium on the research proposal)			No	
5 Research phase				
5.1 Essay seminars	5-10	6	No	

¹ Only the German version of these regulations is legally binding.

5.2	Ph.D. seminar		6	No	
	Total research phase	5-10	12		A total of 12 ECTS credits must be earned from seminars.
6	Thesis			Yes	
7	Thesis defence			Yes	
	Total doctoral studies		36		In total during the coursework and research phases 36 ECTS credits must be earned.

*A grade between 1 and 6 or a "Passed/Not Passed" evaluation is given.

Exchanges / external courses

A maximum of two external courses may be credited. Courses taken with the GSERM at the University of St.Gallen do not count as external courses.

Research proposal

The unit "Research proposal" implies the development of a research proposal and the colloquium on the research proposal.

Transitional provisions

The coursework phase of the Course Scheme of the Ph.D. programme in International Affairs and Political Economy under the Programme Regulations 17 [DIA 17] will be offered for the last time in the academic year that includes the 2020 autumn semester and the 2021 spring semester. Students who have completed the courses in the coursework phase by the end of the 2021 spring semester remain in Regulations 17 and can complete their doctoral studies according to this Regulations.

Students will be transferred to the new Programme Regulations dated 1 August 2020 [R 20] if

- they haven't completed the courses of the coursework phase by the end of the 2021 spring semester. These students will be transferred to the new Programme Regulations 20 [DIA 20]. From autumn semester 2021 onwards, the provisions of the adapted Programme Regulations and the Course Scheme R 20 [DIA 20] apply to these students.
- they like to transfer voluntarily from the older Regulations 07 [DIA 07] or 17 [DIA 17] to the new Programme Regulations 20 [DIA 20]. They can submit a corresponding application to the PhD Office by June 30, 2021.

The following provisions apply when students transfer to the new R 20: All credits earned according to the Course Scheme R 17 or R 07 and credited to the curriculum will be credited to the new Course Scheme R 20 [DIA 20]. All credits are transferred 1:1 from the old to the new Regulations, whereby credits with a grade of 4.00 or better are shown as "passed" and credits with a grade of less than 4.00 are shown as "not passed".

Students who were previously enrolled at the University of St.Gallen in the Ph.D. in International Affairs and who exmatriculated and are now re-entering the programme will in any event be enrolled under Programme Regulations 20 [DIA 20]. Any courses already completed as a part of R17 can be credited upon application.

Should these transitional provisions cause any student hardship, the Dean of Studies, in consultation with the responsible academic director, makes individual arrangements. In doing so, she / he shall apply the principles of casuistry.