

# PROGRAMME REGULATIONS

## for the Ph.D. in Economics and Econometrics at the University of St.Gallen

dated 14 December 2020

The Senate of the University of St.Gallen  
hereby issues the following regulations

pursuant to Art. 88 para. 1 (h) of the University Statutes  
dated 25 October 2010<sup>1</sup>:

### I. General provisions

Art. 1. These regulations govern special conditions for the Ph.D. in Economics and Econometrics (PEcon) at the University of St.Gallen regarding

Scope of application

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

### II. Admission

Art. 2. <sup>1</sup>Under Art. 15 of the Award Regulations [PromO 17], applicants may be admitted to the Ph.D. programme in Economics and Econometrics if they

Terms of admission

- a) hold a completed Master's degree from the University of St.Gallen (HSG);
- b) hold a recognised completed Master's degree or a Licentiate (university degree) in any of the following subjects: Economics, Finance or Quantitative Methods.
- c) hold a completed Master's degree or Licentiate (university degree) in another subject area related to the School of Economics and Political Sciences.

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

Further terms of admission

- a) international study aptitude test (GRE or GMAT). The Programme Committee may exempt applicants from having to present a GRE or GMAT result;
- b) proof of adequate language proficiency in English, skill level C1;
- c) the submission of application documents in due form and before the deadline;
- d) 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 of 20 February 1997 [sGS 217.81].

<sup>2</sup>Pursuant Art. 17 para. 2 of the PromO, the Programme

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<sup>1</sup> sGS 217.15

Committee may forgo a letter of recommendation.

Art. 4. <sup>1</sup>Admission to the Ph.D. programme is based on the Programme Committee's evaluation of the submitted application documents ('sur dossier').

<sup>2</sup>The Programme Committee may also carry out interviews with the applicants.

<sup>3</sup>Admission is communicated through a decree issued by the Dean of Studies.

Art. 5. <sup>1</sup>On admission to the Ph.D. programme, additional entry requirements may be imposed.

Additional entry requirements

<sup>2</sup>These additional entry requirements include introductory courses and courses in the core discipline and must be taken in the first year of study.

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

Art. 6. <sup>1</sup>The additional admission requirements are evaluated as "passed" or "not passed".

Passing the additional admission requirements

<sup>2</sup>If a course is not passed, it can be repeated once.

<sup>3</sup>If the additional admission requirements are not passed at the second attempt, the student may not continue with the Ph.D. studies.

### III. Programme structure

Art. 7. <sup>1</sup>The programme is conducted in English.

Language of the programme

Art. 8. <sup>1</sup>The following specialisations may be studied within the programme:

Specialisations

- a) Economics;
- b) Econometrics.

<sup>2</sup>It is not possible to study more than one specialisation.

Art. 9. <sup>1</sup>During the coursework phase, Ph.D. students must complete courses to earn 36 ECTS credits.

Coursework phase

Art. 10. <sup>1</sup>The Programme Committee assigns each of the courses to a specialisation.

<sup>2</sup>It defines the compulsory courses and the compulsory elective courses for each of the specialisations.

Art. 11. <sup>1</sup>The compulsory courses may be drawn from the Master Programmes of the University of St.Gallen.

Compulsory courses

Art. 12. <sup>1</sup>In each specialisation, compulsory elective courses of at least 12 and up to a maximum of 16 credits from the specialisation must be chosen.

Art. 13. <sup>1</sup>During the research phase all Ph.D. students must complete PhD seminars to earn 16 ECTS credits. The structure and objectives of the seminars are determined by the Programme Committee.

Research phase: thesis-related seminars

Art. 14. <sup>1</sup>The courses taken during the coursework phase and the seminars taken during the research phase each account for 4 ECTS credits.

Art. 15. <sup>1</sup>On request, the Programme Committee may credit internally and externally completed achievements of equal value to the compulsory courses, compulsory elective courses and Ph.D. seminars and shall determine the criteria necessary for such crediting.

Crediting of internally and externally completed achievements

<sup>2</sup>A maximum of 16 credits of internally and externally completed achievements can be credited.

<sup>3</sup>In justified individual cases, the Programme Committee may credit internally and externally completed achievements up to a maximum of 50 percent of the total number of credits to be earned in the programme.

Art. 16. <sup>1</sup>The thesis shall be a cumulative thesis (consisting of a series of essays).

Type of thesis

Art. 17. <sup>1</sup>The 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. 18. <sup>1</sup>The 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).

<sup>2</sup>Active participation by the Ph.D. student in classes can influence the evaluation.

Art. 19. <sup>1</sup>The courses during the coursework phase, and the seminars during the research phase are evaluated as "passed" or "not passed".

Grading

#### **V. Thesis defence**

Art. 20. <sup>1</sup>A pre-defence of the thesis is held.

Pre-defence

#### **VI. Final provisions**

Art. 21. <sup>1</sup>These regulations will come into effect as of 1 August 2021.

Date of application

<sup>2</sup>They apply only to students who start the Ph.D. programme in Economics and Econometrics at the University of St.Gallen from the autumn semester 2021 onwards.

<sup>3</sup>Students enrolled in Regulations 17 of the Ph.D. programme in Economics and Finance on 31 July 2021 remain in Regulations 17 and can complete their studies by the end of the spring semester 2031 according to Regulations 17.

On behalf of the Senate,

The President:  
Prof. Dr. Bernhard Ehrenzeller

The General Counsel:  
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