Academic Writing
Lecturer: Maura-Dell O'Mahony
2 SWS/6 ECTS
Language of instruction: English
Term: each semester
Target group:
All BA students
Maximum no. of participants: 16 (ideally, but up to 24 would also be possible)
Placement test: beginning of term

Participation in the first session is a must; prior registration on STiNE is not sufficient to ensure a place.

Objectives
- Students prepare, draft, write and edit an essay on a relevant subject they are dealing or have dealt with in the course of their studies; the topic chosen must be of direct relevance to the candidates' studies.

- Specific terminology may be acquired, activated and consolidated in this course; however, the main focus of this seminar is to develop and improve one's writing skills in an academic context in English.

Course Outline
- Week 1: Introductory session. Some theoretical input on the topic of academic writing will be available for reading on the e-learning platform.

- Week 2: Students form groups in which to work and write an essay on a topic of their choice.

- Weeks 3-13: The course from this point takes the form of a writing workshop in which students are expected to submit and revise their work in progress on a weekly basis. Feedback will be given in each session.

- Week 14: Final session. Evaluation.

Prerequisites
- Students must have a good, upper-intermediate level of English – Level B2, Independent User – according to the CEFR (Common European Framework of Reference).
- Students should already have completed their foundation studies.
- Students must be prepared to participate actively and also, where required, to work as part of a team.
- Interdisciplinary openness and cooperation are expected of all students who wish to participate in this course.

Assessment
- Punctual submission of written work on a weekly basis which will be evaluated and discussed in class, as well as edited and improved versions thereof.
- Regular and active participation including feedback, peer review and group work.
- The final work is to be submitted at the end of the lecture period.

Literature
- Material selected and posted by lecturer on e-learning platform CommSy.
- Students will be given the login details in the first session.