

Academic Writing

Lecturer: **Maura-Dell O'Mahony**

2 SWS/6 ECTS

Language of instruction: **English**

Term: **each semester**

Target group:

All BA students of the Faculty of Business, Economics and Social Sciences

Maximum no. of participants: 18 (ideally, but up to 24 would also be possible)

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| Participation in the first session is recommended. |
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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 onwards 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 should 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 should 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 the e-learning platform.