

Academic writing

Course overview

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Semester: 3 **Duration:** 16 weeks

Workload (h): 108 **Presence (h + CH):** 32 (4) **Self-Study (h):** 72

Contents: The course "Academic writing" focuses on developing writing skills to prepare samples of documents needed for academic purposes. Based on materials taken from various reliable sources participants of the course will try to write, first, an essay in its structure and type similar to basic formats required in academic setting. Secondly, statement of purpose and research proposal papers will be written, proofread and discussed in class. Then we will move on to more scientific writing, such as a literary review, an abstract for a conference, a short review of an article, an article proper and/or a chapter of your Master thesis. To pass the course the final written sample (an article and/or a chapter) will be evaluated and graded.