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Course: Academic writing
Double majors
summer semester

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Course description and aims: the aim of the course is to provide the students with the basics of essay writing, teach them techniques for making their writing more coherent, and make them aware of word and sentence level stylistic options.

Course outline

WEEK 1

Introduction

WEEK 2

Evaluating texts: Register and Purpose

WEEK 2

Organizational structure of an essay.

WEEK 3

Introduction. Drafting a thesis statement.

WEEK 4

Topic sentence. Strategies for convincing. Developing arguments.

WEEK 5

Generalising. The voice to write in.

WEEK 6

Writing the first rough draft.

WEEK 7

Paraphrasing. Redundancy and repetition.

WEEK 8

Proofreading and editing.

WEEK 9

Style

WEEK 10

Synonyms. Giving examples.

WEEK 11

Clarity of expression. Bibliography.

WEEK 12

Final Evaluation. Essay checklist.

Assessment

To obtain credit, students are required to:

- ü Come to classes prepared (students will have completed homework assignments)
- ü Be active during the seminar
- ü Submit a 3- to 5-page long essay on a given topic

Recommended literature and websites

Hawthorn, Jeremy. Studying the Novel. 4th ed. London: Arnold, 2001.
www.americanrhetoric.com/speechbank.htm

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