

**Code: BMI-FLMD-342E.08**

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**Course title: Professional Writing: Academic Writing**

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**Course convenors:** László Strausz

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**Class time and place:** Wednesday 14.15 – 15.45 @ -137

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**Course type:** Seminar

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**Course content:** This course maps the area of academic writing in a practical way: each week we will shortly discuss some general principles of academic writing, which will be followed by a practical discussion on how these are applied in each of the students' work. The goal of the course is to develop advanced writing skills and produce one chapter of the participants' future MA thesis.

1. Structuring the academic text: planning
2. Mapping the area: what are good academic questions?
3. How to incorporate the literature?
4. Quotations, paraphrases, summaries
5. Writing: sentence-level
6. Writing: paragraphs-level: descriptions
7. Writing: paragraphs-level: definitions
8. Writing: paragraphs-level: typifying
9. Writing: paragraphs-level: illustrations
10. Writing: paragraphs-level: causations
11. Writing: paragraphs-level: comparisons
12. Workshop: presentation and evaluation of students' work 1.
13. Workshop: presentation and evaluation of students' work 2.

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**Requirements:** Regular attendance (you cannot miss more than 3 classes). Submission of the writing portfolio (the contents of this will be discussed in class) by the end of the semester.

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**Learning outcomes:** Advanced writing skills, skills in organization and structure of academic arguments, awareness of the different types of paragraphs.

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**Indicative Reading:** Hartley, James: *Academic Writing and Publishing*. New York: Routledge, 2008  
Murray, Rowena-Sarah Moore: *The Handbook of Academic Writing*. New York: Open University Press, 2006  
Henning, Elizabeth: *Finding Your Way in Academic Writing*. Pretoria: Van Schaik, 2005

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