

Code: BMI-FLMD-346E

Course title: Professional Writing: Academic Writing

Course convenors: László Strausz

Class time and place: Biweekly, Tuesday 16.00 – 17.30 @ 132

Course type: Seminar

Course content: This course maps the area of academic writing in a practical way: each time 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.

The course meet every second week in person. In between, personal consultation sessions will be held online.

Schedule and topics:

September 14: Structuring the academic text: planning, what are good academic questions?

September 28: How to incorporate the literature? Quotations, paraphrases, summaries

October 12: Writing at paragraphs-level: description/definition

November 2: Writing at paragraphs-level: typification/illustration

November 16: Writing at paragraphs-level: causation/comparison

November 30: Presentation and evaluation of students' work

Requirements: Regular attendance. Submission of the writing portfolio (the contents of this will be discussed in class) by the end of the semester.

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

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
