

Code: BMI- FLMD-242E.06

Course title: Professional Writing: Academic Writing

Course convenors: László Strausz

Class time and place: Biweekly Wednesday @ 14:15-17:15, Room: -135

Course type: Seminar

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. September 20: Structuring the academic text: planning. Research questions. Hypotheses. Methods.

3. October 4: How to incorporate the literature? Quotations, paraphrases, summaries

5. October 18: Writing - sentence-level. Paragraph structure.

9. November 8: Writing - paragraphs-level: descriptions, definitions, typifying.

12. November 22: Writing: paragraphs-level: illustrations, causations, comparisons

13. December 6: Presentation and evaluation of students' work

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

Students cannot miss more than *one* double class session, students submitting more than 2 writing exercises late will result in an incomplete!

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
