

**Code: BMI-FLMD-346E**

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**Course title: Academic Writing**

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**Course convenors:** László Strausz

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**Class time and place:** Biweekly Wednesdays 8:30-12: Sep11, Sep 25, Oct 9, Nov13, Nov27, Dec11

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**Course type:** Online 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. September 11:** Structuring the academic text: planning. Research questions. Hypotheses. Methods.

**3. September 25:** How to incorporate the literature? Quotations, paraphrases, summaries

**5. October 9:** Writing - sentence-level. Paragraph structure.

**9. November 13:** Writing - paragraphs-level: descriptions, definitions, typifying.

**12. November 27:** Writing: paragraphs-level: illustrations, causations, comparisons

**13. December 11:** Presentation and evaluation of students' work

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**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.

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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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