

Academic Writing

+ General procedure

Academic writing can be challenging. Therefore, we would like to provide you with some information to assist you in writing scientific papers. Below you will find a recommended procedure:

1. Create a schedule
2. Brainstorm and develop your research question
3. Begin your research and create an outline
4. Request supervision and discuss your work with your professor/lecturer
5. Continue your research
6. Write your paper :)

For further information, please refer to the [guide for writing a seminar paper](#)

+ General requirements: term papers

- Length: approx. 20-30 pages of content (approx. 10,000 words)
- Structure: cover page, table of contents, content (introduction, main section, conclusion), bibliography, list of figures or appendix if applicable
- Insert page numbers, starting with the first page of content!

Important notes:

- Ensure a consistent layout and include the academic declaration of independence!
- Also clarify in advance if you would like to write your term paper in English.

Ask your professor/lecturer if you are unsure!

+ Use of AI

Since AI is a (relatively) new phenomenon in science, the rules for its use in seminar papers are still vague and sometimes contradictory.

We recommend using it only to a certain extent with regard to research and linguistic formulations. This is because there is a risk of being accused of plagiarism. Plagiarism is defined in the study regulations as follows:

"If students attempt to influence the result of a module examination or module partial examination or a coursework assignment by deception, e.g., by using unauthorized aids, the module examination or module partial examination in question may be graded as 'failed' (ungraded) or 'unsatisfactory' / 'poor' (5.0) (graded), and the coursework may be graded as 'not completed' (§19, paragraph 2)."