



Writing Center

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About us



Dear students,

The focus of the Writing Center is to support you in writing your Bachelor's or Master's theses. We offer workshops and advice – in German as well as English – to rouse interest in writing and improve your ability to write solid and professional academic texts.

In our **Academic Writing Workshops** you will receive useful tips and do practical exercises, so what you learn can be put into practice right away. The workshops are held by Writing Center staff and external writing professionals.

In addition to the workshops, we offer needs-based **Individual Consultations** for your current writing projects. Just send us an email (schreibzentrum@fh-wien.ac.at) to book a session.

All services offered by the Writing Center are free of charge for all students of FHWien der WKW.

We are looking forward to seeing you at our workshops or for an individual writing consultation.

YOUR WRITING CENTER TEAM

Registration for the Workshops

Please register for the workshops on Moodle:

→ [Writing Center Registration for the workshops](#)



How to write an abstract

e-learning

Thursday, 12 October 2023 | 5:00–6:30 pm

Instructor: Marcela Hubert, BA

You see one in every paper, but how do you actually write a good abstract? It is a challenging text type known for its concise characteristics while comprehensively covering the entire paper. As a regular feature of many academic texts, an abstract in English is generally required, sometimes in addition to another language. So, we will start by considering why an abstract is essential, what its aim is and when we usually need to write one. We will then look closely at some examples of abstracts to find out about the key parts and common structure. In this context, we will also discuss useful writing strategies and exercises to overcome common issues with writing an abstract.

Registration requirement: Full attendance during the entire duration of the workshop.

How to paraphrase

e-learning

Thursday, 9 November 2023 | 5:00–7:30 pm

Instructor: Marcela Hubert, BA

Analytically evaluating academic literature requires more than just descriptively summarizing pages of papers. By working with examples and sample texts, we will discuss active reading strategies, the differences between direct quotes and paraphrases and learn about paragraph structure and (multilingual) drafting strategies. We will further discuss questions of text similarity vs. plagiarism. The aim of this workshop is to address common misconceptions about paraphrasing and discuss useful paraphrasing strategies. In this context, highlighting the importance of separating drafting from revision supports non-native writers of academic English to further develop their own individual drafting strategies.

Registration requirement: Full attendance during the entire duration of the workshop.

Writing Consultations



A writing consultation is a confidential conversation that focuses on your own work and any questions or challenges around it.

Possible topics of writing consultations include:

- Writing difficulties and writer's block
- Finding, narrowing down, and researching topics
- Structure, outline and argumentation
- Excerpting and paraphrasing scientific sources
- Scientific/academic language
- Text revision
- Citation
- Grammar and spelling

Writing consultations are available on request at any time – in German as well as in English.

In order to arrange a meeting, please register in advance by e-mail, including a brief description of your request.

Please register at schreibzentrum@fh-wien.ac.at.

Online Resources

The [Online Writing Lab \(OWL\)](#) provides self-study materials and resources on the writing process that can be used regardless of time or location.

The following resources are available in the OWL:

- Learning videos
- Self-study courses
- Handouts and worksheets
- Podcasts
- Materials for students & teachers at FHWien of WKW:
Moodle course [»Academic Writing Guide«](#)

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