

Writing Center Summer Semester 2025

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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 that 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 e-mail (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



Summarising and paraphrasing techniques e-learning

Monday, 9 April 2025 | 17:00-19:30 | MS Teams

Instructor: Maria Lord, MA BA

Writing any academic text entails interacting closely and critically with the existing secondary literature in the field. In order to import this into our own texts we can either quote, summarise or paraphrase. While quotations should be kept to a minimum, the key academic skills of summarising and paraphrasing are used extensively. Through worked examples and practical exercises, this workshop will look at when and how we go about doing these, including the use of note making, the Cornell summarising method and the linguistic techniques used to change the language sufficiently to avoid plagiarism.

The workshop will be held in English.

Research Questions

e-learning

Thursday, 24 April 2025 | 17:00–19:30 | MS Teams

Instructor: Maria Lord, MA BA

The first stage in any academic project is deciding on a research question. However, this is not always straightforward, especially formulating it to be clear, focused and practicable. This workshop will guide you through the process of deciding on and narrowing down a topic, as well as considering any implications this may have for your research design and data collection. We will then use your question to decide on your claim and create a research argument around it, supported by reasons and evidence, in order to provide a strong foundation for your research projects.

The workshop will be held in English.

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
- Writing with AI: possibilities and limits
- 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 <u>Online Writing Lab (OWL)</u> 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:

- Quicklearnings
- Learning videos
- Self-study courses
- Handouts and worksheets
- Podcasts
- Materials for students & teachers at FHWien of WKW: Moodle course <u>Academic Writing Guides</u>

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Writing Center at FHWien der WKW



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