

ACADEMIC WRITING SEMINARS FOR DOCTORAL STUDENTS

DAY 1. JANUARY 15, 2024

SEMINAR 1: 9.00-10.30 Prof. dr. Nijolė Burkšaitienė (Vilnius University)

TOPIC 1. AVOIDING PLAGIARISM IN ACADEMIC WRITING

The concept of plagiarism, the degrees of plagiarism and the necessary techniques to avoid it will be discussed followed by practical tasks of using acceptable ways of acknowledging sources, making references, and using quotations.

SEMINAR 2: 11.00-12.30 Prof. dr. Nijolė Burkšaitienė (Vilnius University)

TOPIC 2. SUMMARISING

In academic writing, summarising is a crucial skill which enables the writer to condense long literature sources into a concise form. In this seminar, the most commonly used stages of writing summaries will be discussed and writing a summary of a short article will be practiced.

SEMINAR 3: 13.00-14.30 Prof. dr. Nijolė Burkšaitienė (Vilnius University)

TOPIC 3. DESCRIBING AND PRESENTING ONE'S EMPIRICAL FINDINGS

Different types of visuals used for describing empirical findings will be analysed. The language of describing facts and figures in different types of visuals while reporting on empirical findings will be practiced. Individual cases prepared by seminar participants will be presented and discussed.

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SEMINAR 4: 9.00-10.30 Prof. dr. Roma Kriauciūnienė (Vilnius University)

TOPIC 4. INTRODUCTION. RESEARCH ARTICLE ANALYSIS

Before writing a research paper it is necessary to familiarise oneself with the concept of scientific discourse. To be able to produce effective research papers it is important to understand the logic and structure of a research paper and know what to write in every part of every section. We will analyze different types of articles, and work out a useful template to follow and apply to your own research paper. We will look into the English expressions that experienced writers use to write clearly and concisely

SEMINAR 5: 11.00-12.30 Prof. dr. Roma Kriaučiūnienė (Vilnius University)

TOPIC 5. DRAFTING AN INTRODUCTORY PART OF THE PAPER

The introduction is an important part of a research paper as it should answer the questions: what, why, and how. It is meant to set the context for your research work and highlight how it contributes to the knowledge in your field and builds on previous similar studies. We will analyse and discuss a four-step model of how to write an introduction and perform a practical task by applying the model to your planned research paper.

SEMINAR 6: 13.00-14.30 Prof. dr. Roma Kriaučiūnienė (Vilnius University)

TOPIC 6. RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

Research methodology is an important part of a paper. It should explain your methodological approach, include information about the methods you used to do your research. It should also explain what you did and how you did it, by allowing the readers to assess the reliability and the validity of your research. We will overview the main issues that you have to include in this part: the type of research that you did, how you collected and analysed the data, tools and/or materials you used for your research, and describe the rationale for choosing the research methods. We will look into the academic style, grammar, and vocabulary to be used to express your ideas appropriately.

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SEMINAR 7: 9.00-10.30 Prof. dr. Roma Kriaučiūnienė (Vilnius University)

TOPIC 7: DRAFTING THE RESEARCH METHODOLOGY PART OF THE PAPER

We will look into examples of the research methodology part and have practice in describing the genre/design of your research, methods of data collection and analysis, sampling techniques, participants, and setting of the research. We will follow a four-step model of writing a methodology part and familiarise ourselves with the practical tips for writing a good methodology part.

SEMINAR 8: 11.00-12.30 Prof. dr. Roma Kriaučiūnienė (Vilnius University)

TOPIC 8: ABSTRACT WRITING AND DRAWING CONCLUSIONS, WRITING A RESEARCH PROPOSAL

We will overview tense tendencies in writing academic texts. We will focus on writing the abstract, conclusions, limitations, recommendations, and implications for further research. We will analyse examples and practice writing these parts as well. We will also overview the guidelines of research proposal writing and perform practical tasks.

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SEMINAR 9: 9.00-10.30 Prof. dr. Nijolė Burkšaitienė (Vilnius University)

TOPIC 9. ACADEMIC WRITING STYLE

There is no one correct style of academic writing as every researcher should find their own voice. In the seminar, guidelines for an appropriate style of writing will be provided and tasks aimed at objective, accurate and impersonal writing will be practiced.

SEMINAR 10: 11.00 -12.30 Prof. dr. Nijolė Burkšaitienė (Vilnius University)

TOPIC 10: MAKING EFFECTIVE PRESENTATIONS

Requirements for presentation contents, structure, delivery mode and slides will be analysed and discussed in detail. Drafts of individual presentations on one's research results will be prepared, and mini presentations made. Peer feedback and teacher feedback will be provided and discussed.