

## Syllabus: “Scientific Work and Academic Writing according to German Standard”

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### (a) Inhalt und Ansatz | Content and Approach

- The course is designed for exchange students of all faculties to introduce them to academic work for their exchange studies in Germany.
- In the course students will:
  - Learn how to work scientifically in an academic setting,
  - Learn how to write scientific papers (term papers, project papers, bachelor and master theses, etc.) and
  - How to apply scientific work to other aspects of their studies.
- Teaching methods are oriented towards activities that encourage the participation of students. These include seminars, discussions, group work, and guidance from the instructor.
- The course is mainly offered as a face-to-face course.
- Students require at least an advanced level of English to follow the lessons.
- Completion of assigned tasks from the course and regular attendance (at least 80% of all lectures) are necessary to be admitted to the final examination.
- Upon successful completion of the course, 3 ECTS points will be awarded. Students should plan for and provide the appropriate amount of time.
- Participants **must register for the course via the StudIP portal**, where all necessary course materials are published. If any problems arise here, students can contact the instructor at [f.mohr@hs-sm.de](mailto:f.mohr@hs-sm.de).
- The course is made possible by the "Smart Campus" Project, a project is funded by the Federal State of Thuringia in cooperation with the University of Applied Sciences Schmalkalden.

### (b) Qualifikationsziele | Learning Objectives

- The course is designed to teach students how to work scientifically according to German standards.
- Students learn and practice:
  - how to work scientifically against an academic background,
  - research methods for writing scientific papers,
  - the creation and execution of scientific work,
  - the formal requirements of different scientific papers, and
  - the application of what has been learned to other branches of study.

### (c) Kursstruktur | Course Structure

- The course will be held weekly on Thursdays from 15:45 to 17:15, with certain exceptions.
- The room will be published on StudIP
- There will be no lesson on the 27.04.23/18.05.23/29.06.23
- The course has the following syllabus:
  - Unit 1: Principles of Scientific Work
  - Unit 2: Research and scientific approaches
  - Unit 3: Structure and execution of academic writing
  - Unit 4: Citation in academic papers
  - Unit 5: Formal requirements of academic papers

### (d) Kontakt | Contact

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### (e) Studien- und Prüfungsleistungen | Course Assessment

- Writing an academic paper of a maximum of 3000 words (+/- 10%), on the topic of the exchange student's study field. The exam (starting) date for the academic paper is the 14.07.2023
- For the successful completion of the course, students will be awarded 2 ECTS.