Syllabus: “Academic Writing”
Intercultural Courses for International Students
Winter Semester 2019/20, Kevin Rausch M.A.

(a) Inhalt und Ansatz | Content and Approach

- In this course the students will:
  - Understand writing as a process of brainstorming, outlining, drafting, and revising
  - Learn to write an argumentative essay supported by secondary research
- Teaching methods are oriented towards student-centered learning and include activities such as mini-lectures, group work, peer review, and consultations with the instructor.
- Students require at least an upper-advanced level of English in order to follow the lessons.
- Regular attendance (at least 80% of all sessions) as well as completion of assignments are required for exam admission.
- 3 ECTS credits are granted for successful completion of the course. Therefore, students should be prepared to spend at least twice as much time on preparatory and follow-up work as in the classroom.
- It is recommended (though not obligatory) to attend this course alongside the “Academic Reading” course on Wednesday morning.

(b) Qualifikationsziele | Learning Objectives

- This course is aimed at developing the writing skills for academic success.
- Students learn about and practice:
  - Searching for and selecting credible sources for use in writing
  - Incorporating information from sources by summarizing, paraphrasing, and quoting it in ways that avoid plagiarism
  - Demonstrating critical thinking
  - Constructing an essay of a given style (e.g. argumentative, problem-solution) using the steps in process writing (outline/plan, draft, revision, final).

(c) Kursstruktur | Course Structure

- 2 contact hours per week  
  Tuesday  14.15 – 15.45

(d) Kontakt | Contact

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(e) Studien- und Prüfungsleistungen | Course Assessment

- Written examination (90 min)
- 3 ECTS