

Annex 2: Module description for the Consecutive Degree Programme in Business & Economics leading to the award of Master of Science

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Supplementary module

Module number	271413-014 (version 01)
Module name	Academic Skills
Module coordinator	English language acquisition coordinator (language practice)
Content and qualification objectives	<p><u>Content:</u></p> <p>The module helps students to further develop their already very good oral and written English-skills. It is aimed at enabling students to communicate in the academic world in a manner appropriate to the situation and target group.</p> <p>English for Academic Purposes offers basic and advanced skills for academic work in English: Students practice how to access relevant academic resources and gather specific information. Particular attention is paid to recognizing "predatory publishers". In addition, students will familiarize themselves with the challenges of academic writing by being confronted with various rhetorical and stylistic elements typical for academic texts. Because of the key role that academic writing plays in communication research findings and engaging with the research community, strategies for writing an academic paper are developed several times throughout the semester. Students will also be assisted in structuring their self-study. Furthermore, students are familiarized with various citation standards ("APA", "MLA", and "Unified Style Sheet for Linguistics") and learn skills necessary to transfer academic writing in one of these styles.</p> <p><u>Qualification objectives:</u></p> <p>Students can learn independently and in a self-organized manner. They can critically analyze scientific texts. They learn vocabulary and formulations as well as advice on the layout and structure of a scientific paper and can apply these to their own research work. Students will be able to write an article for a scientific journal using appropriate rhetoric and style. In addition, they are able to gain access to a variety of academic sources and recognize predatory publishers.</p>
Teaching methods	<p>The module teaching method is the exercise course.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exercise course: English for Academic Purposes (2 teaching units) <p>The class will be conducted in English.</p>
Requirements for participation (recommended knowledge and skills)	Students must be able to follow and actively participate in the course in English.
Module application	---
Requirements for the award of credit points	Successfully passing the module examination is required for the awarding of credit points.
Module examination	<p>The module examination consists of one assessment component.</p> <p>Creditable study achievement:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Two written tasks on the exercise course English for Academic Purposes (scope: ca. 1200 words/2-3 pages each, processing period: 4 weeks each) (Examination number: 71629) <p>The study achievement is credited, if it is graded at least "sufficient".</p> <p>The assessment component must be taken in English.</p>
Credits and grades	<p>This module is worth 5 credit points.</p> <p>Section 10 of the Examination Regulations specifies how the assessment component is assessed and how the module grade is calculated.</p>
Frequency	The module is offered each academic year.
Number of hours	The module requires students to complete a total of 150 study hours.
Module duration	Under normal circumstances, the module is completed in one semester.