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CAMPUS OF INTERNATIONAL EXCELLENCE

## *Writing a Research Paper*

*3 creds.,  
1<sup>st</sup> semester*

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### **Aims and Objectives**

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The course aims to provide students with the necessary tools (formatting guidelines, academic language, bibliographic resources, methodology, etc.) that need to be taken into account to write successful research papers.

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### **Course Program**

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1. Structuring and organising research papers
3. Academic language used in literary and linguistic research papers
4. Blending reference material into research papers: citations, plagiarism, formatting guidelines
5. Bibliographic and E-resources useful for literary and linguistic research papers

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### **Methodology**

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Class meetings will consist of lectures and group discussions. Strong emphasis will be placed on practical exercises.

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### **Assessment**

An active participation will be required in our classes. Students are expected to prepare practical exercises and some readings which will be discussed in the corresponding sessions. In addition, a research paper is to be handed in on completion of this course. Students will be evaluated on a combination of their participation in class, their written assignments and final paper.

Participation and oral presentation: 10 %

Written Assignments: 30 %

Final paper: 60 %

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