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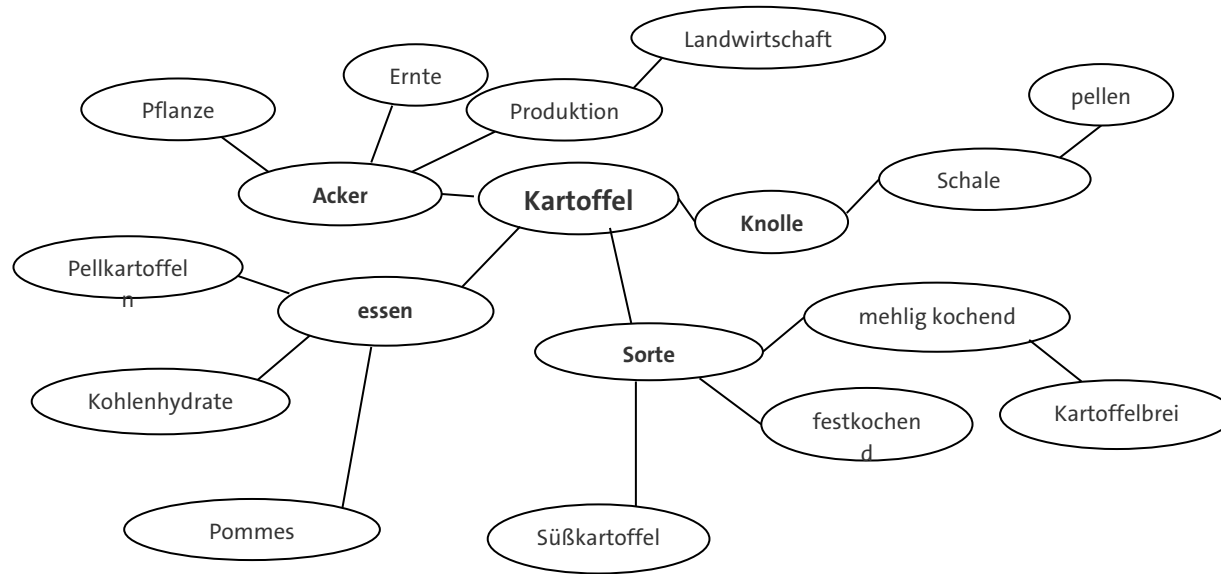
SCHREIBZENTRUM



ACADEMIC WRITING IN ENGLISH AND HOW THE WRITING CENTER CAN HELP

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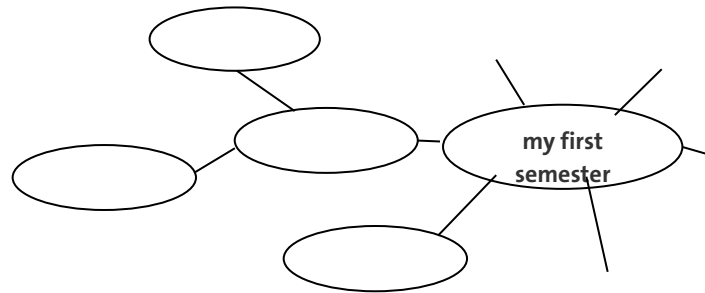
CLUSTERING



CLUSTERING – MY FIRST SEMESTER

Give it a try! Create a cluster: *What do I expect from my first semester in Hamburg?*

You have 5 minutes



FREEWRTING – HOW?

- Basically, just keep writing!
- Don't stop, keep your pen moving!
- Write down anything and everything that comes to mind.
- Don't worry about accuracy or style!
- Use any language or tool at your disposal

Choose one branch of your cluster and use that to try focused freewriting.

You have **5 Minutes**

FREEWRIING – WHY?

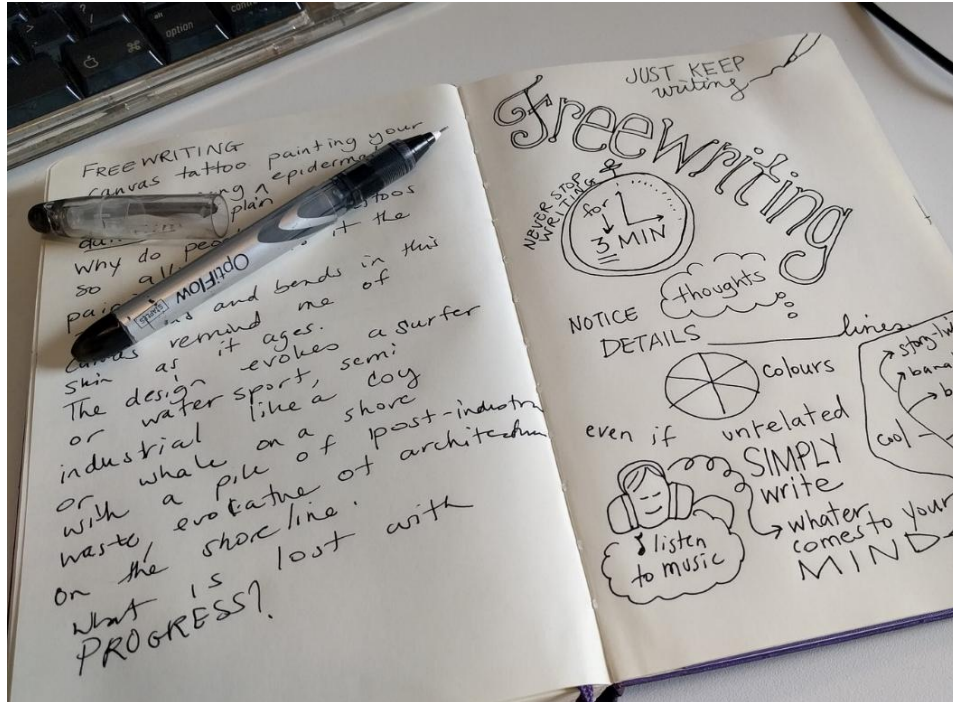
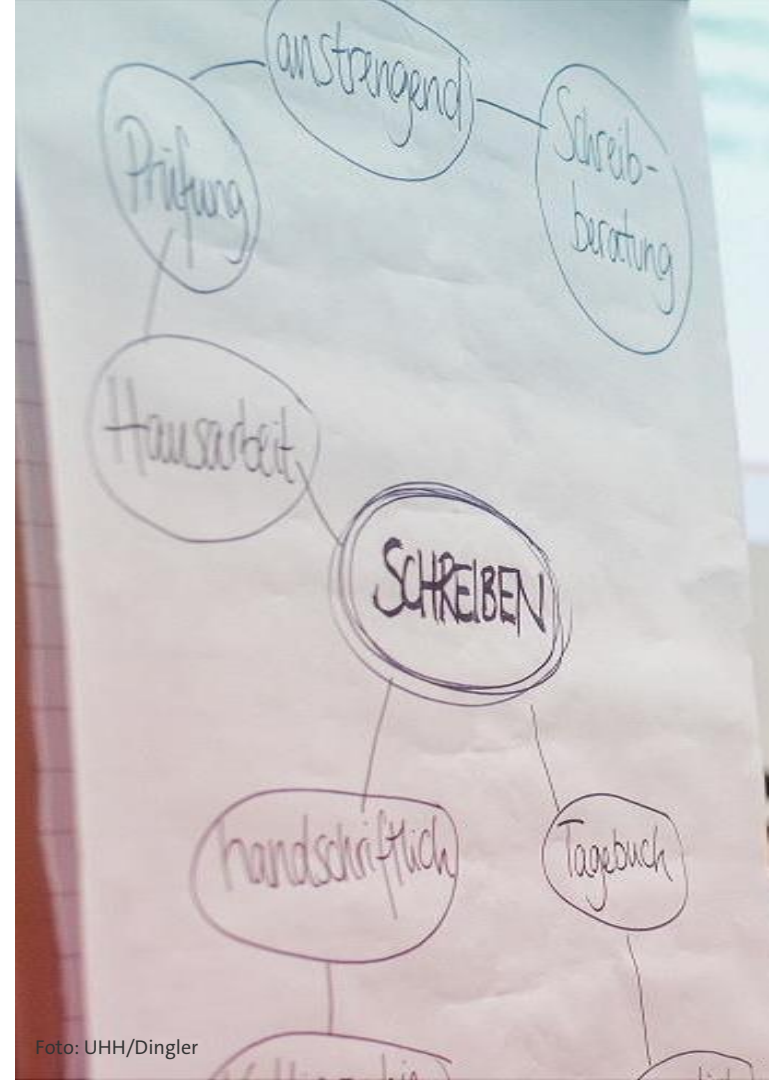


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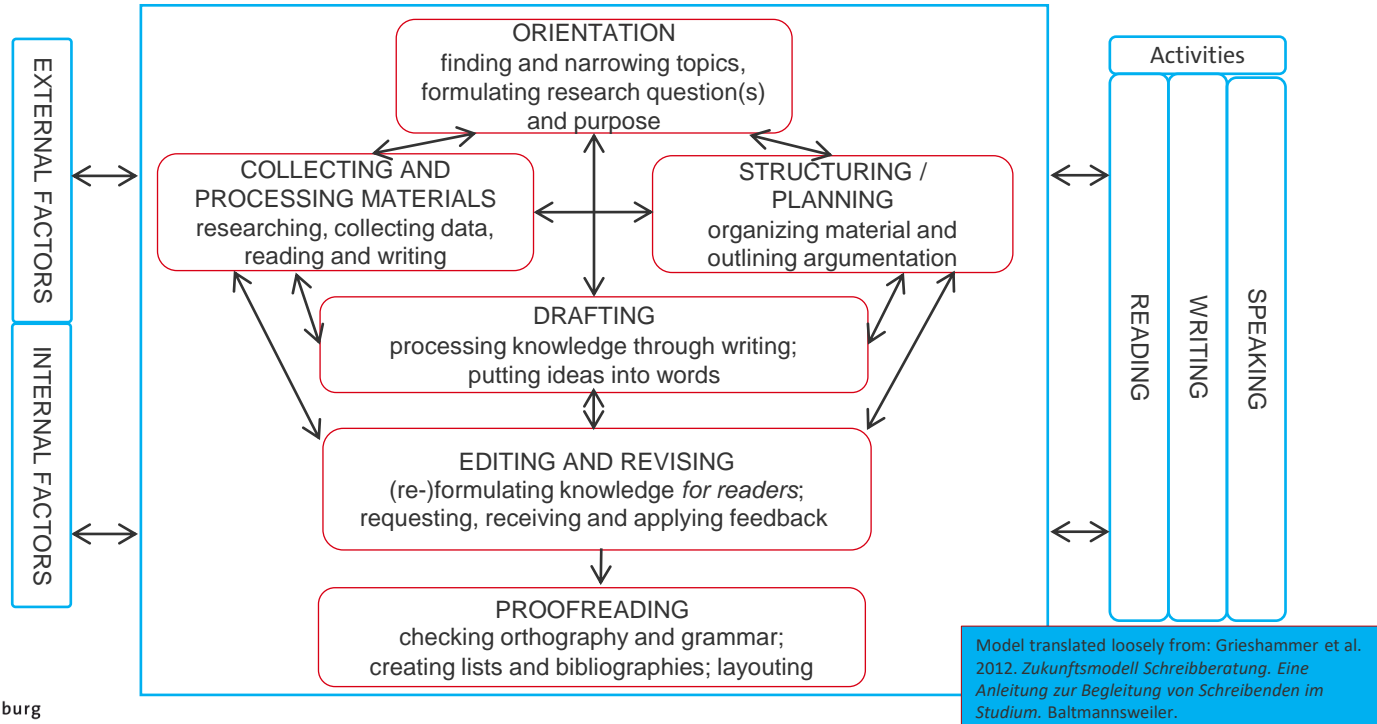
- Getting into the flow of writing
- Finding your way into a new topic
- Developing your thoughts and processes
- Overcoming hurdles, writer's block and other difficulties
- Producing analogies, metaphors and other images to enrich your rational thinking

WHY WRITE?

- To process as you read or listen
- To remember what you read/hear & develop your own thoughts
- To create
- To sharpen your focus
- To reflect
- To communicate
- To share your knowledge



THE WRITING PROCESS – A MODEL



HOW DO I PRACTICE AND DEVELOP ACADEMIC WRITING (AND THINKING)?

- **Journal (write a few minutes every day)**

What was interesting in today's seminar? What do I want to know more about? What do I want to remember? Definitions and explanations ...

- **Read relevant academic texts**

a. Content: what is the author telling me?

b. Structure: how is the text constructed?

c. Language: how is it written? What can I learn from it?

- **Feedback**

Read one another's texts and give feedback and input on the content as well as the writers' communicative success.

THE TEAM AT THE WRITING CENTER



**Anne
Benteler**



**Mirjam
Schubert**



**Lukas
Musumeci**



**Fridrun
Freise**



**Valérie
Le Vot**



**Susannah
Parker Ewing**

THE TEAM AT THE WRITING CENTER: *PEER TUTORS*



TOPICS AND FOCI

- Academic writing as a process – from researching to finding a topic to revising
- Disciplinary writing conventions – e.g. in Law, the Humanities, Education, etc.
- Strategies for dealing with writer's block, time management and other hurdles
- Writing as thinking and problem-solving tool
- How (not) to use genAI in the writing process
- ... etc.



OFFERINGS FOR STUDENTS

- **Workshops** – during and between semesters
- **Write-ins** – three times per week!
- **Individual consultations** by peer tutors, by appointment or as a walk-in
- Offerings in **seminars** – in cooperation with lecturers and professors
- **Events** – *GW-Schreibtag, Text-Check*, writing retreats



WORKSHOPS SOMMERSEMESTER 2026 (SELECTION)

8.04. UHHGPT vom Lesen zum Schreiben (online)

16.04. UHHGPT als Schreibbuddy (Präsenz)

29.04. Argumentation überprüfen & optimieren
(Präsenz)

21.05. Academic Writing in English (Präsenz)

27.5. UHHGPT Einstieg in das Tool (Präsenz)

2.06. Der Schreibprozess: eine Einführung (online)

26.06. Zitieren und Paraphrasieren (online)

ALLE WORKSHOPS IN STINE UNTER:

STUDIUM – EXTRACURRICULARE

VERANSTALTUNGEN – HUL – SCHREIBZENTRUM

Schreibzentrum x Stabi (Präsenz)

25.6. Durch Fragestellung zur Literaturrecherche

9.7. Exzerpieren und Literaturverwaltung

Coaching „Hallo, Abschlussarbeit!“

8.6. + 22.6. + 6.7.

(ganz- oder halbtags, Präsenz)

Abschlussarbeit Schritt für Schritt

(Präsenz)

15.4. Vom Thema zum Exposé

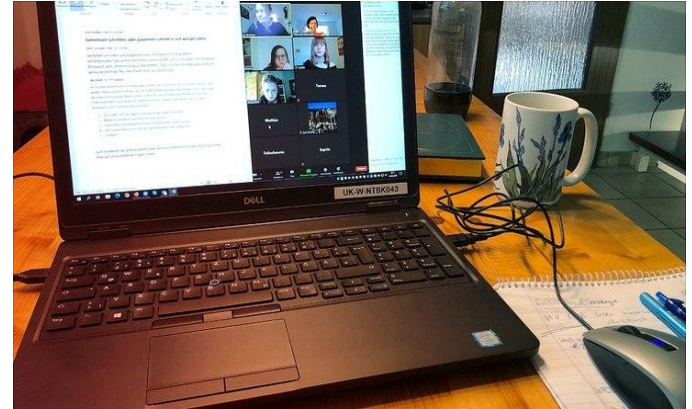
16.6. Schreibzeiten und Schreiborte

8.7. Durch Überarbeiten zum guten Text

WRITE - INS

*Writing with community feeling!
No registration necessary.*

- **Wednesday 10-12**
Find the Zoom link on [OpenOLAT](#)
- **Thursday 10-12** in the main library
- **Any time:** Digital Write-in
<https://schreibjetzt.blogs.uni-hamburg.de/>



4:40

(IN CONSULTATIONS) THE WRITING CENTER ...

- answers all your questions about academic writing – confidentially and free of cost or grading pressures.
- provides room for experimentation with different strategies and techniques.
- provides opportunities for feedback on your writing.
- helps you to understand how academics in your field think, work and write – and to acquire those practices.
- helps you to help yourself as you develop as a writer.



*Walk-in consultation times:
Tuesday, 15-17 Uhr **GW**
Wednesday, 14-16 Uhr **WiSo**
Thursday, 14-16 Uhr **Stabi**
Friday, 12-14 Uhr **EW**
For the **RW** in specific time periods



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Homepage ENG



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Requests for consultations:

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WHAT IS YOUR WRITING TYPE?





See you soon!



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