ACADEMIC WRITING IN ENGLISH AND HOW THE SCHREIBZENTRUM CAN HELP
CLUSTERING

Kartoffel

Acker

Pflanze

Ernte

Produktion

Landwirtschaft

Knolle

Schale

Pelle

Pellkartoffeln

essen

Kohlenhydrate

Pommes

Süßkartoffel

feste Kochend

mehlige Kochend

Kartoffelbrei
CLUSTERING — MY STUDIES

Give it a try! Create a cluster: *What do I expect from my studies?*

You have 5 minutes

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FREEWriting – 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.

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FREEWWRITING – WHY?

• 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
- To remember what you read & develop your own thoughts
- To create
- To sharpen your focus
- To reflect
- To communicate
- To share your knowledge

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THE WRITING PROCESS – A MODEL FOR ACADEMIC WRITING

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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 anothers’ texts and give feedback and input on the content as well as the writers’ communicative success.
THE TEAM AT THE SCHREIBZENTRUM

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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.
- Writer’s block, time management and other hurdles
- Writing as thinking and problem-solving tool
- ... etc.
OFFERINGS FOR STUDENTS

Currently digitally / online over OpenOLAT und Zoom:

- **Workshops** – during and between semesters
- **Write-ins** – two times per week!
- **Events** – *Schreibrekord, Woche der aufgeschobenen Hausarbeiten*, writing retreats
- **Individual consultations** by writing coaches
- Offerings in **seminars** – in cooperation with lecturers and professors

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WORKSHOPS IN WINTER SEMESTER 2021-22

Register via STiNE, attend via OpenOLAT and Zoom:

- Exzerpte gezielt einsetzen, 18.10.
- Motivation fürs Schreiben, 28.10.
- Digitale Textsorten verfassen, 4.11.
- Schreibprozess verstehen und planen, 8.11.
- Englischsprachige Abstracts, 15.11.
- Schreiben mit Struktur, 24.11.
- Zitieren und Paraphrasieren, 29.11.
- Kommunikation mit Betreuenden, 6.12.
- Wissenschaftliches Argumentieren, 15.12.
- Wissenschaftliche Texte auf Französisch lesen, 10.1.
- Thema eingrenzen, Fragestellung schärfen, 13.1.
- Zeitplanung für die Hausarbeit, 17.1.
WRITE - IN

Writing with community feeling!

• Montag 10-12
• Mittwoch 10-12

Find the Zoom links on OpenOLAT

• Any time: Digital Write-in
  https://schreibjetztblogs.uni-hamburg.de/
(IN CONSULTATIONS) THE *SCHREIBZENTRUM* ...

- answers all your questions about academic writing – confidentially and free of cost or grading pressures
- provides room for experimentation
- 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

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FIND THE *SCHREIBZENTRUM* ONLINE AND VIA E-MAIL

- [uhh.de/schreibzentrum](http://www.schreibzentrum.de)
- [https://schreibjetzt.blogs.uni-hamburg.de/](https://schreibjetzt.blogs.uni-hamburg.de/)
- [https://www.openolat.uni-hamburg.de/auth/RepositoryEntry/89882953/CourseNode/101204733609230](https://www.openolat.uni-hamburg.de/auth/RepositoryEntry/89882953/CourseNode/101204733609230)

- STiNE > extracurriculare Veranstaltungen > Wintersemester 2021/22 > Zentrum für Interdisziplinäre Studienangebote
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WRAP IT UP: ONE MINUTE-PAPER

• What was most important new information just now?

• What questions do I still have?
See you soon!

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