



Have you just started writing your MA thesis in Economics or are planning to start any time soon? Then this course might be what you are looking for:

Writing an MA Thesis in Economics – Improve your scientific writing skills

The course covers the conventions of academic writing, the structure of MA theses in economics, a range of techniques for ensuring that texts are written clearly and coherently, relevant grammatical issues, and essential areas of vocabulary. The course integrates a detailed reading of example texts selected for their relevance to particular aspects of written language. Sessions comprise specialist linguistic input, (peer)feedback, and groupwork.

By the end of the course, participants are able to plan their MA theses; structure information clearly and concisely at the paragraph and sentence levels; control language to meet the conventions and expectations of the target readership; avoid common errors of grammar and vocabulary; and edit their own drafts.

The course can be attended by students at different stages of their master thesis project. Participants will receive personal instructor feedback. Submission of texts at the early stages of writing (i.e., drafts) is encouraged and likely to be highly beneficial to the participants. The texts are not graded, and workload is adaptable to personal needs.

The first and last sessions are on campus; the remaining eight sessions are in Zoom.

NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS: max. 15 (students writing their BA/MA thesis with a professor from the ECON department).

NUMBER OF UNITS: 10 sessions 2 x 45' each

DAY/TIME: Fridays, 10:15-12:00

ALL DATES: 23, 30 Sept; 7, 14, 21 Oct; 4, 18, 25 Nov; 9, 16 Dec 2022

LOCATION: SOF-G-21 (for the two sessions on campus: 23 September and 16 December) + Zoom for all other sessions

LECTURER: Dr. Anna Ekert / Language Center of UZH and ETH Zurich /English instructor

To register for this course, please send an application e-mail to Sonja Verel (sonja.verel@econ.uzh.ch). Please include the following information in your mail: name of supervisor, title of thesis, (projected) starting date of MA thesis. Participation is subject to availability.

Students writing their BA thesis in Economics may also apply and are allowed to participate subject to availability.

Contact for questions:

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