**Essay writing 1- Spring semester 2018-19**

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Times: 23 March, 13 April, 18 May, 13.15-17.15

**Course requirements:**

written homework assignments (40%), and one 350 word essay (60% of the final grade).

Missing a class is not an excuse for not preparing and submitting the due HW. As we have three bulk classes, one missed class is acceptable.

You have to submit each homework on time to pass the course!!

Essay first draft + homework due **10 April**,

Essay second draft + homework due **15 May**.

Final essay due **May 28**.

**Aims**

This is a course designed for several purposes:

* To develop writing skills in general
* To prepare you for the Proficiency essay at the end of the third year (to gain practice in short argumentative essays of ca. 350 words in formal style on everyday topics)
* To prepare the grounds for academic essay writing in the next term
* In general, to express yourself with ease in written English and in genres you will have to practice during your career
* To enhance your awareness of argumentative strategies

**Methods**

This is an entirely practical course based on exercises (mainly written tasks), and one essay that will have 2 developed drafts.

Besides going through the stages of writing, we will discuss and peer-read the essays

written for this class. All materials will be provided online or in copies. Useful materials and

manuals of writing will be recommended in the classes.

23 March 2019

* Introductions
* Formal vs informal language
* Structure of an argumentative essay
* Language exercises and punctuation

13 April 2019

* Argumentation and argumentative fallacies
* Main idea and the structure of the paragraph
* Peer reviewing homework
* Discussing first drafts

18 May 2019

* Discussing ‘BA thesis guidelines’ document
* How to use MS Word?
* How to use a dictionary?
* Discussing second drafts