

**LEHRSTUHL FÜR STEUERUNG INNOVATIVER
UND KOMPLEXER TECHNISCHER SYSTEME**
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Education Program WS 2019/20

Seminar: Academic Skills

Room: F-21/03.81

Time: Monday, 12-14 h

Start: 14th of October 2019

Short Description:

The seminar introduces students to the basic academic skills and competences necessary to succeed in the education itinerary in political science at the bachelor level. At the beginning of the course, students will be introduced to the main concepts of political science, as well as to the arrangement of the Department of Political Science at Bamberg University.

A key learning goal of the course is to understand how to pose and independently develop relevant research questions for academic research in political science. To this aim, during the course we will learn how to systematically search for scientific resources and how to properly cite them. Students will also learn about tools to efficiently structure and write presentations and papers, including standards and good practices in scientific research. We will also examine together how to effectively hold a presentation in class and which presentation skills are most useful. In the last sessions, students will also be introduced to the logic of scientific argumentation.

The Academic skills course is held in English and literature in English is used in the Syllabus. The course content retraces the “Grundlagen politikwissenschaftlichen Arbeitens” course held in German.

Course structure:

The course, as well as the reading material, is taught in English. Lectures are structured as conventional Vorlesungen, but an active participation by the students is key to obtain the best results out of the course.

Course Evaluation:

Please note that the attendance of this course is mandatory. The course is considered passed according to the following three criteria: (a) attendance to at least 80% of the classes; (b) submission to the VC of five assignments (summaries) of the reading material; and (c) submission (in paper or digitally) of the proof of participation to the library course.

Occasionally, students will also be asked to give a “reading reaction” in class (5-10 minutes, no powerpoint needed) on the reading material. Regular reading of the mandatory material in the Syllabus is therefore highly recommended.

Course Literature:

Articles and book chapters in English are made available online on the Virtual Campus.

Further information and details on course structure, evaluation and literature will be available in the course Syllabus and on the VC.

Registration:

Registration starts on the 1st of September 2019 via FlexNow or during the first lesson.

Speaking hours:

Tuesday, 14:00-16:00 (also by appointment)

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