

Central European University (Vienna Campus)  
Department of Gender Studies

**ACADEMIC WRITING FOR GENDER STUDIES**  
**PART II: THESIS DEVELOPMENT**  
MA Level Class, 1 credit (Synchronous Online)  
Winter 2020/21

**Course Guide**

**INSTRUCTOR INFORMATION**

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**COURSE INFORMATION**

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The course seeks to help you develop as a writer within the English-speaking academic community by raising awareness of, practicing, and reflecting upon the conventions of written texts. As well as an introduction to critical thinking and critique writing, the course will develop your awareness of conventions of research-based academic writing, both regarding structural elements such as the introduction, literature review and conclusion, and how to use the work of other authors appropriately in your work. You will also have the opportunity to reflect upon how these conventions influence the development of your own voice. In the Fall, we will focus on critical writing, as well as micro and macro-level argumentation for term papers. The Winter sessions will concentrate on the thesis writing process, helping you develop and present a topic, situate your research within existing theoretical and topical scholarship, and prepare for the final stages of thesis research and writing.

**ASSESSMENT**

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You are required to submit two texts:

1. **Thesis Proposal Draft:** due Thursday January 28 to your supervisor and the Academic Writing: Thesis Development Instructor (Hannah) via email.
2. **Literature Review Assignment:** due Tuesday March 16 to Hannah via email.

**Note:** Students must submit both texts in order to pass this course. Students will be graded on a pass / fail basis.

## SCHEDULE

<b>Week:</b>	<b>Date:</b>	<b>Topic:</b>
9	Tuesday November 24 and Wednesday November 25	<b>Gender Studies: Thesis Preparation and Advising</b> This session will provide you with an overview of the MA thesis in Gender Studies. We will discuss guidelines and expectations; the process of selecting a topic and potential supervisors; resources, support, and key dates. You will also be provided with an opportunity to workshop your thesis topic ideas.
<b>Thursday December 17:</b> Thesis Topic and Supervisor Preference Form due to the departmental office.		
1	Friday January 15	<b>Academic Writing: Thesis Proposal Introduction</b> This session will provide you with some guidelines for writing the Thesis Proposal, including a thesis proposal worksheet. We will discuss the components of the thesis proposal, review expectations and departmental guidelines, and look at examples from past students.
2	Friday January 22	<b>Academic Writing: Thesis Proposal, Peer Feedback Session</b> This session will provide you with an opportunity to discuss and receive peer feedback on your Thesis Proposal Draft.
<b>Thursday January 28:</b> Thesis Proposal Draft due to supervisor and the Academic Writing: Thesis Development Instructor (Hannah) via email.		
4	Friday February 5	<b>Gender Studies Session 1: Researching the Thesis</b> This session will provide you with an overview of the research process in Gender Studies, including finding sources; working with sources; being an effective, critical, and ethical researcher; and organising your research.
5	February 8–12	<b>Consultations with Academic Writing Instructor on Thesis Proposal Draft</b> During this time, you are encouraged to schedule a consultation with your Academic Writing Instructor (Borcsa or Sanjay) to discuss the feedback from your Thesis Proposal Draft. Please book via <a href="https://ceu.mywconline.com/">https://ceu.mywconline.com/</a> .
<b>Monday February 15:</b> Final Thesis Proposal due to the departmental office and to supervisor, signed by supervisor and second reader, by 2.00pm.		
6	Friday February 19	<b>Academic Writing: Literature Review Introduction</b> This session will provide you with an introduction to the process and formula for writing a literature review. Please bring a list of sources that you have collected to this session.
7	Friday February 26	<b>Gender Studies Session 2: Literature Review Assignment</b> This short session will provide you with an overview of the Literature Review Assignment for Academic Writing; you

		will also have the opportunity to ask any questions that you may have about this task.
8	Friday March 5	<b>Academic Writing: Literature Review Assignment, Peer Feedback Session</b> This session will provide you with an opportunity to receive peer feedback on your Literature Review Assignment. Please bring a hard copy of your draft assignment to this session.
9	March 8–12	<b>Consultations with Academic Writing Instructor on Literature Review Assignment</b> During this time, you are encouraged to schedule a consultation with your Academic Writing Instructor (Borcsa or Sanjay) to discuss your Literature Review Assignment. Please book via <a href="https://ceu.mywconline.com/">https://ceu.mywconline.com/</a> .
<b>Tuesday March 16:</b> Literature Review Assignment due to the Academic Writing: Thesis Development Instructor (Hannah) via email.		
10	Friday March 19	<b>Gender Studies Session 3: Writing a Research Plan</b> This session will provide you with guidelines for writing a Research Plan, as well as the opportunity to ask any questions that you may have about this task.
<b>Monday March 29:</b> Final deadline for the completion, in consultation with supervisors, of a detailed Research Plan.		

## KEY DATES

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**December 17, 2020:** Thesis Topic and Supervisor Preference Form due to the departmental office.

**January 28, 2021:** Thesis Proposal Draft due to supervisor and the Academic Writing Thesis Development Instructor (Hannah) via email.

**February 15, 2021:** Final Thesis Proposal due to the departmental office and to supervisor, signed by supervisor and second reader, by 2.00pm.

**February 22, 2021:** Deadline for applications for the departmental Research Grant.

**March 16, 2021:** Literature Review Assignment due.

**March 29, 2021:** Final deadline for the completion, in consultation with supervisors, of a detailed Research Plan.