

## Assessment Criteria for the Written Paper

| Referencing:   | Language and style:   | Structure:  | Content:  |
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| <p><b>In-text and after-text citations:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All direct and indirect <b>quotations</b> are appropriately cited according to APA 7 conventions.</li> <li>• <b>Direct quotations</b> should be kept to a minimum, no more than 30% of total quotations.</li> <li>• <b>Long direct quotations</b> (40 words or more) should be avoided altogether. <b>Paraphrasing</b> should be used.</li> <li>• <b>All sources referred to</b> in the text are included in the list of references, according to APA 7 conventions.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Language used in the paper is grammatically <b>accurate</b>.</li> <li>• <b>Style</b> is sufficiently formal and academic.</li> <li>• Appropriate professional <b>vocabulary</b> used.</li> </ul> | <p><b>The paper is appropriately structured and comprises the following:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Cover</b> page</li> <li>• <b>Table</b> of Contents</li> <li>• <b>Introduction</b></li> <li>• <b>Literature</b> Review</li> <li>• <b>Research</b> Design</li> <li>• <i>Optional: <b>Piloting</b> research tools/ <b>Data</b> collection and analysis</i></li> <li>• <b>Conclusion</b></li> <li>• <b>Appendices</b> containing supplementary materials</li> <li>• <b>Figures</b>, which are supplied with a title and are numbered</li> <li>• The paper is clearly divided into <b>chapters</b> with headings, which are numbered. All <b>pages</b> are numbered except the cover page.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The writer should explain their <b>reason</b> for choosing the topic, <b>research questions</b> (and hypothesis) to be investigated are presented.</li> <li>• The <b>literature</b> relevant to the topic is reviewed and presented with a focus on the topic of the paper. Key concepts are defined for the research.</li> <li>• A sufficient number of <b>sources</b> are consulted: min. 10 quality sources referenced</li> <li>• <b>A research project</b> has been planned, described (research questions and hypotheses, research methods and part of the tools presented and justified). <i>Optional: <b>piloting</b> one of the data collection tools.</i></li> <li>• The technique of <b>triangulation</b> is applied in the research plan: the area under investigation is looked at using two or more research methods/sample groups or investigators.</li> </ul> |

**Seminar paper – Assessment criteria  
from Academic year 2024/2025**

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**Assessment criteria for the oral presentation:**

| Structure                          | Visuals /Slides   | Body language   | Language:  |
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| Introduction<br>Body<br>Conclusion | Slides are relevant and support understanding the presentation.<br>Slides contain <b>only key but sufficient information</b> .<br>Large enough letters are used.<br>Slides are not to be read out loud. | Speaker keeps eye contact with audience and use of voice and appropriate body language. | Grammatically accurate, academic language is used.<br>Pronunciation is accurate, key words are always well pronounced.<br>Speech is clearly articulated and loud enough. |

**Time limit: 8 minutes max. (+3 minutes for questions and discussion)**

**Suggested literature** in academic writing:

Cottrell, S. (2013). *The Study Skills Handbook*. Palgrave Macmillan.  
Purdue, Owl online Writing Lab: APA guidelines. Retrieved from <https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/560/01/>  
Purdue, Owl online Writing Lab: Avoiding plagiarism. Retrieved from <https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/589/1/>  
Understanding plagiarism. Youtube. Podcast retrieved from <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ptHIA5bMnio>  
What is plagiarism and how to avoid it. Retrieved from <http://www.indiana.edu/~wts/pamphlets/plagiarism.shtml>  
Academic Phrasebank, Manchester University <https://www.phrasebank.manchester.ac.uk/>  
McCarthy, M., & O'Dell, F. (2014). *Academic Vocabulary in Use*. Cambridge University Press.