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Academic Writing

Crash Course

A Guide for My Students

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Abstract

Students must produce written content like presentations, term papers, project reports, and dissertations. Creating such content requires extensive knowledge. This course aims to contribute to this by introducing resources and tools that will enable students to study efficiently and complete the relevant tasks with relative ease. I will also share my experiences to help develop an understanding of what is important in academic work and writing.

Links

- These notes: <https://hubchev.github.io/hsf/awcc>
- My personal website: hubchev.github.io
- Huber (2025): [My Five Cents on How to Write a Thesis](#)
- [SS 2025 | Research Methodology | Lafleur \(MIM 1\)](#)
- [M-IBS 7 Research Methodology \(self-study guide\)](#)
- [Mandatory Online Self-Test on Plagiarism](#)
- Hildebrandt and Nelke (2019): [Handbook of Academic Writing](#)
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- [APA Style](#)

Components of an Academic Paper

Abstract: Briefly articulates the contribution of the paper.

Introduction: Sets the context and guides the reader by articulating the purpose and significance of the paper. I believe good introductions should contain these components: (1) the problem statement, (2) the contribution of the paper, and (3) the explanation of the further procedure.

References

Hildebrandt, J., & Nelke, M. (Eds.). (2019). *Handbook of academic writing*. VNR Verlag für die Deutsche Wirtschaft.

Huber, S. (2025). *My five cents on how to write a thesis: A guide for my students*.

<https://hubchev.github.io/fivecents/fivecents.pdf>