

The Yolanda and David Katz Faculty of the Arts, The Buchmann-Mehta School of Music

Name of course: Academic Writing

2nd Semester, 2015-2016

Lesson, 2 hour weekly course

The course will be held in English

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Course description

The purpose of this course is to introduce academic writing, with a focus on the rationale, structure, and requirements needed for writing an academic paper. The course is based on reading various kinds of academic papers in English during the course and analyzing them from an academic writing point of view, as well as writing short argumentative essays. Class work will be done as individuals or in pairs.

Lists of subjects

The main issues that will be addressed include:

- The unique properties of academic writing,
- Different ways of presenting and building an argument,
- The basic structure of an academic paper,
- Acquaintance with different sources of music literature,
- Ways of writing introductions and conclusions,
- Writing references, footnotes, and bibliography.

Course requirements & calculation of the final grade

- Final essay in English (40%),
- Short written assignments during the semester (60%),

Final course requirements

- Final essay in English