

QUESTIONNAIRE ON WRITING for 1st year students

Name and surname (optional) _____

I. Writing in general

1. Specify your previous writing experience. If you have written some kinds of writing assignments from the following list so far, specify how many:

a) **an argumentative essay** (i.e. stating arguments and counter-arguments)

yes how many approximately _____ no

b) **a literary analysis essay**

yes how many approximately _____ no

c) **an advantages and disadvantages essay**

yes how many approximately _____ no

d) **a comparison and contrast essay**

yes how many approximately _____ no

e) **a research paper**

yes how many approximately _____ no

f) **other types of essay,**

specify _____

2. Before writing an essay (of any sort) did you get instructions/advice from your teacher/instructor concerning the essay's

a) organization

b) argumentation

c) language and style

d) others, specify _____

e) none at all; in this case, did you try to find some information yourself and where

3. Did you previously do any research before writing an essay:

yes no

If so, did you use: a) the internet

b) books

c) magazine/newspaper articles

d) professional journals

e) personal interviews

f) others - specify _____

4. Did your teacher/instructor advise you/encourage you to

a) do brainstorming before writing an essay

b) do some research before writing an essay

c) understand/consider the format of the assignment

d) write a draft/drafts

e) revise and edit the essay

f) cite sources carefully

g) avoid plagiarism

5. Did your teacher/instructor use model essays to demonstrate various techniques and styles?

yes no

6. Have you ever taken any course on writing? If so, where? _____

II. Your future bachelor thesis

1. Expected/Planned subject area of the bachelor thesis

Methodology _____ Linguistics _____ Literature _____ Cultural studies _____

2. When writing your bachelor thesis, do you think it will be useful for you to study some textbook, articles, www pages or courses dealing with the academic style of writing?

If yes,

- specify why _____
- specify the source _____

3. Considering the following list of concepts, mark those you knew before you started this programme and those you know now (use x for your answers)

before now

- a) academic writing style
- b) plagiarism
- c) paraphrasing
- d) APA style / MLA style /
Chicago style (any of these)

4. Are you now familiar with the **academic writing style**?

- a) yes, I know the style and its typical features
- b) I have heard the term 'academic style' but I am not familiar with its typical features
- c) no, I am not familiar with the style and its typical features
- d) other _____

5. If you are familiar with the academic writing style, how would you define it?

6. Do you intend to take part in an academic writing course? If yes, could you mention some instructions you expect to get concerning academic writing style?

7. **Quoting sources:**

- a) I do not know how to quote sources
- b) I have been given instructions by my teacher/instructor concerning quoting sources
- c) I have tried to find out how to quote sources myself
- d) quoting sources is possible but not necessary

8. What is **paraphrasing**? What do you do when you **paraphrase** what someone else said?

9. **Plagiarism** is (more than one answer may be correct)

- a) copying material/someone else's ideas without acknowledging the source
- b) paraphrasing someone else's ideas without mentioning the source
- c) using material when author has been identified but not using quotation marks to mark his/her original words
- d) using material from the internet without mentioning the source

Thank you very much for your time and effort!