

# Tips and hints for academic writing

If you're currently facing the prospect of writing your Bachelor or Master thesis, you'll know that there are plenty of rules and conventions you need to be aware of. It isn't always easy to get used to writing in an academic style. We've put together some hints, tips and links on this important topic to help you write your way to success. (Please note that all the links given here lead to German-language information.)





## All about academic writing

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What does a good piece of academic writing look like? What rules and conventions do I need to observe? And where do I even start with it all?

The website [wissenschaftliches-arbeiten.de](https://www.wissenschaftliches-arbeiten.de) can help you find answers to these questions and more. Its various sections discuss topics ranging from the [criteria a piece of academic writing should meet](#) to [useful model examples](#).

Each section has subsections with how-to guides to techniques such as [academic background research](#), [argumentation](#) and [quoting](#).

As well as exploring the [structure](#) of a piece of academic writing, the site provides [model wordings](#) and can help you [identify a topic](#) and [manage your time](#). There's also a [checklist](#) for your final read-through before submission.

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Leipzig University's [academic writing gateway](#) is another helpful source of information. You can explore the tools of academic [style](#) and do [practice tasks](#) to boost your skills. We can also recommend the information you'll find there on the [layout](#) and [structure](#) of a piece of academic writing. The page on [logical fallacies](#) can help you avoid getting into a tangle with your argument.

If you still have unanswered questions, it's very likely that you'll find help in [this detailed piece](#) on the website of the University of Vienna's Department of Social and Cultural Anthropology. This document's numerous sections make it a great resource if you need help on specific issues.



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## More tips and hints

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The e-follows.net website also has [a lot of helpful information](#), including [tips for working in Word](#) and ideas on [how to say complex things in a simple way](#). It's a good source for info on those aspects of academic writing it's easy to lose sight of.

If you're concerned about the challenge of writing a thesis in German, take a look at the hints on [language and writing](#) you'll find on the website of the Institute for Optional Studies (IOS) at the University of Duisburg-Essen. A number of PDFs discuss matters such as [correct use of tenses](#) and [commas](#), alongside tips on [comprehensibility](#) and [linking](#).

And because good academic practice is at the heart of every successful piece of academic work, do visit the [information on plagiarism](#) on the Giessen University website, especially the page on [where the boundary to plagiarism is](#).

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Write short – and they will read it. Write clearly –and they will understand it. Write graphically – and they will keep it in mind.

-Joseph Pulitzer

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