

First year of the Executive Master in EU Studies

Basic course: Fundamentals of Scientific Work

The basic Course *Fundamentals of Scientific Work* offers an introduction to and repetition of fundamental academic skills/competences, e.g. how to write an assignment, how to quote and cite properly or how to search for open-access academic literature. Participants have to pass a multiple-choice test (1st semester) and to submit two exercises (2nd semester) . While the individual performances will not be graded, the successful accomplishment of all three deliverables is necessary to pass the course as a whole.

October – June (first year)

Theme/Topic:	Fundamentals of Scientific Work
Experts:	Carsten Gerards, Academic Assistant, College of Europe/Bruges
Character:	Compulsory (introduction), repetition of fundamental prerequisites; preparatory course, intensive self-studying
ECTS Credits:	No grading /repetition of prerequisites
Teaching methods:	Lecture with classroom discussion, course material and videos online, forum discussions, webinars, intensive self-studying
Assessment methods:	Multiple-choice test to be passed, two short exercises to be submitted and passed, no grading
Skills and competences:	Essay writing, searching for academic literature, proper referencing & avoiding plagiarism, structuring a master thesis in social sciences, etc.
Learning Outcomes:	Repetition and consolidation of academic skills necessary for a master programme in EU affairs: How to approach an exam/paper assignment? How to conduct research in social sciences? How to write an academic essay/thesis? How to cite/quote properly? How to find (open access) academic sources?

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