

## Scientific thinking and writing, Economics (BIZ-A2201)

2cr, pass/fail

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The course will be offered twice a year, in period 1 and period 3. The course material will consist of self-study material (texts and videos) and one classroom meeting, scheduled as an independent part of the BSc seminar meeting sequence.

To pass the course the students need to

- Attend one classroom meeting
- complete one written assignment (which students get detailed feedback on)
- go through the self-study material on *My courses*
- take and pass short online quizzes which tests students on the self-study material on *My courses*

After completing the course, the student

1. understands the principles of scientific work and the academic use of such work. This includes familiarity with:
  - the basic principles of scientific argumentation.
  - the difference between theoretical and empirical work.
  - the basics of academic citation (including when citation is needed).
2. Can search for and use academic knowledge critically, and has tools for:
  - how to search articles in databases.
  - how to quickly find out the big picture of a research topic.
  - how to read scientific articles efficiently.
  - how to judge the quality and relevance of both published work and unpublished working papers.
3. Is familiar with central features of academic writing, with a specific focus on writing in Economics, including:
  - knowledge of the standard components of and structure of scientific papers in Economics.
  - familiarity with basic tools for critically reviewing the literature.
  - enhanced knowledge of grammatical and stylistic aspects required in academic writing.

Contents: Academic knowledge; scientific argumentation; searching and using academic knowledge; features of academic text; academic writing.