

Aalto University Language Centre
LCA-1022 Academic Writing

Name

Date

Grade

Assessment: Final Written Assignment (40%)

The final written assignment is a 3-page paper, consecutive pages (i.e. no gaps), from a section of the Master's thesis that involves critiquing literature (generally the pages worked with during the course). In this assignment, students demonstrate the application of writing principles from the course. Your paper is graded on a number of different aspects of your written ability:

	0	1	2	3	4	5	Comments:
Category 1 x2 = 40%							<p>Organization of paper and structure of argument: Connections among paragraphs are clearly articulated. Transitions between and within paragraphs are smooth. It is very easy to follow the argument. Paragraphs meet the criterion of unity, and every paragraph makes one distinct and coherent point, expressed in clear topic sentences. Logical progression is easy to follow - the text flows well and demonstrates cohesive principles.</p> <p><i>Comments:</i></p>
Category 2 20%							<p>Evidence: Evidence used to support the main points is well-chosen. All new or unusual terms are well-defined. Good, clear examples are used to illustrate concepts and issues. The text employs appropriate illustrations and/or quotations. The connection between argument and evidence is clearly articulated in all cases.</p> <p><i>Comments:</i></p>
Category 3 20%							<p>Referencing: Follows appropriate conventions. To avoid plagiarism, integrates direct quotes, and clearly distinguishes direct quoting, emphasis, and literary works (e.g. titles).</p> <p><i>Comments:</i></p>
Category 4 20%							<p>Language use: All sentences are complete and grammatical. All word forms are correct and words are chosen for their precise meanings. Utilizes academic phraseology effectively. Paper has been spell-checked, uses correct punctuation, and has no errors or informal language.</p> <p><i>Comments:</i></p>

The assessment aims at a critical connection between the argumentation, logical structure, and clear expression of ideas. The quality of the English must meet level CEFR: C1, as well as reflect the application of conventions introduced in the course. Accurate spelling, punctuation and grammar are expected, as well as accurate referencing.

If you need assistance with writing your thesis after the course, remember to visit the Writing Clinic. You will find this service in MyCourses and can make an appointment there.