

Seminar 1: Kick-off for the Introduction to doctoral studies course

What I need to know about the course



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Programme of today

- **9.15-9.55 Course practicalities, aims, networking**
- **Break 10 min**
- **10.05-11 Forming groups, introduction of the assignments**

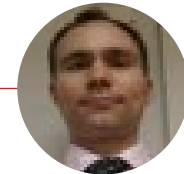
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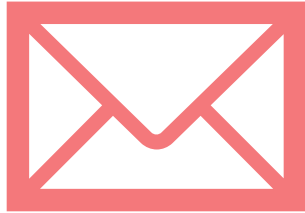


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Enrollment to the course



Have you all enrolled to the course?



If not, please let me know that and we will check after this session what we can do to get you enrolled.

Webpage in MyCourses

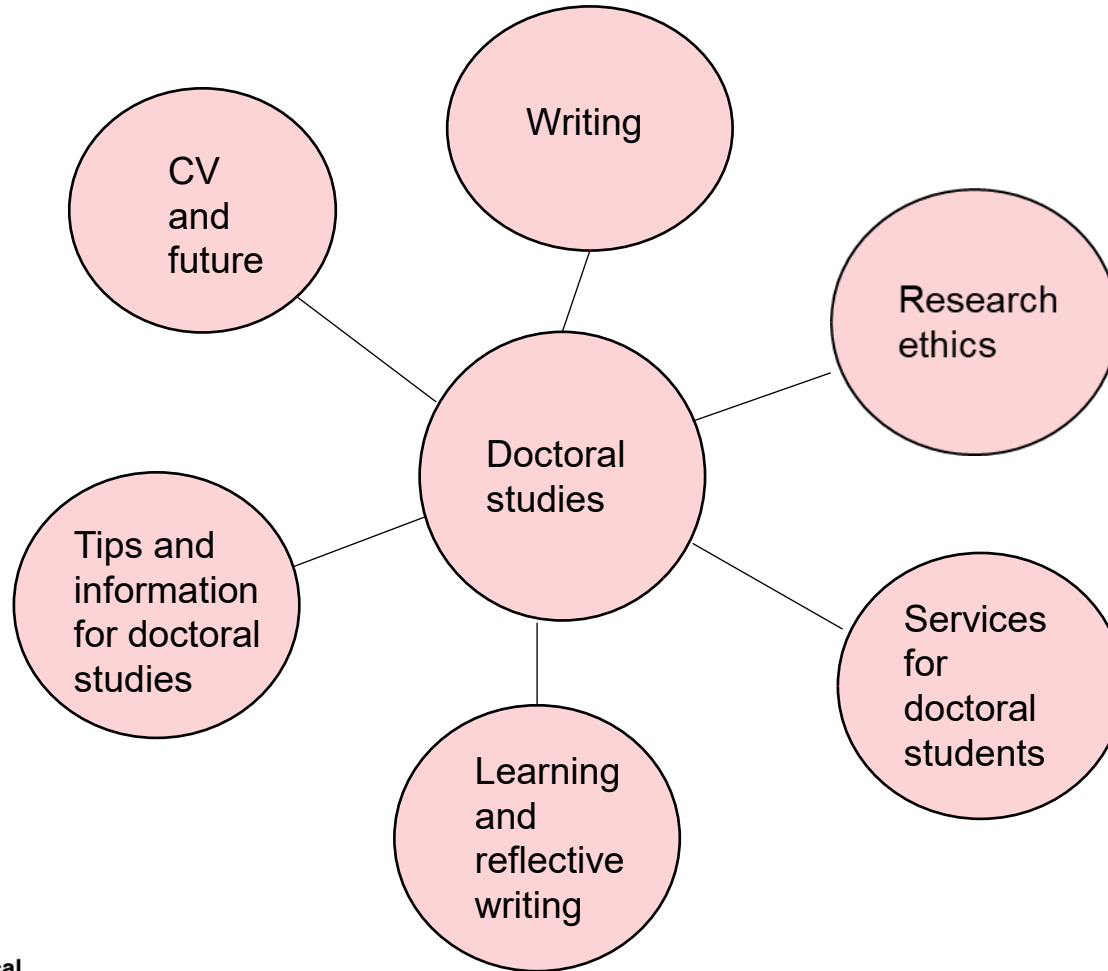
<https://mycourses.aalto.fi/course/view.php?id=39487#section-0>

Aims of this course

Once you have completed this course

- **You have an overall picture of the content of your doctoral studies**
- **You know what services and support there is for doctoral students**
- **You have tools for your doctoral studies**
- **You know how to plan your doctoral studies and take your future plans into account.**

Content of this course



Extent and structure of the course

2 ECTS:

- 6 Seminars
- Aalto Orientation Days or reading the material
- 3 Individual assignments
- 2 Group work assignments
- 1x20 min group feedback session, on writing

3 ECTS, in addition to previous:

- 3 Individual assignments
- 1x30 min individual feedback session, on writing
- Peer evaluation and feedback on one assignment

Seminars and schedule 2 cr

WHAT?	WHEN?	TOPICS / ADDITIONAL
Seminar 1: Kick-off	12 January, at 9-11 AS6	Introduction of the course, announcement of the assignments and forming groups Researcher's path – Introduction to practical tips
Aalto Orientation Days for Doctoral Students	15-16 January	Highly recommended to participate Late enrollment to udes@aalto.fi
Seminar 2	19 January, at 9-11 AS6	Researcher's path – introduction continues Communications
Assignment DL	31 January	Practical tips assignment (individual)
Seminar 3	2 February, at 9-11 AS6	Researcher's path – what were the learning outcomes? Research ethics – introduction
Assignment DL	14 February	Ethics (group work)
Seminar 4	16 February, at 9-11 AS6	Research ethics – what were the learning outcomes? Publishing
Assignment DL	28 February	Career assignment (CV + career plan)
Seminar 5	1 March, at 9-11 TU7	Career design and job search workshop
Assignment DL	4 March	Writing assignment (group work)
Feedback sessions for groups (Language instructor William Martin)	12 March	20 min session/group on writing assignment
Seminar 6	15 March, at 9-11 TU7	Panel discussion and tips from graduated doctors
Assignment DL	17 April	Final assignment, diary-type Reflect on your learning on the seminar topics, the Orientation Days and the assignments of the course.

In addition, to get 3 cr

WHAT?	WHEN?	TOPICS / ADDITIONAL
Assignment DL (3 cr course)	13 March	Pop-science pitch (individual writing)
Assignment DL (3 cr course)	20 March	Journal paper extended abstract (individual writing)
Assignment DL (3 cr course)	27 March	General research skills (individual)
Feedback sessions for the individual writing assignments (for 3 cr course)	9 April	30 min / student on individual writing assignments
Peer feedback DL (3 cr course)	10 April	Peer feedback on general research skills assignments

Language Instructor William Martin

- **Group work on writing in English – compulsory**
- **Pop-science pitch – part of the 3 credit**
- **Journal-paper extended abstract – part of 3 credit**

Course requirements

- **Active participation in the 6 seminars**
 - Attendance compulsory. If absolutely needed, up to half of the seminars can be substituted by reading the seminar material for the final assignment. Please inform us if you need to be absent: elec-l0902@aalto.fi
- **Active participation in the Aalto Orientation Days**
 - Can be substituted by reading the seminar material for the final assignment
- **Active participation in group work**
- **All the assignments acceptably completed**
- **Participation in the feedback session(s)**
- **Peer evaluation (in 3 cr course)**

Questions?

Break exercise



Aalto University picture

Get to know your fellow doctoral students

Present yourself – phase I

Find people who were born in the same month as you.

After that tell the others in your group:

- your name**
- your country of origin**
- where you completed your Master's degree**
- your research field or topic (max 3 words)**
- your hobbies**
- which animal would you be and why**

Prepare to present some other member of your group – each member will present someone else to another group

Present yourself – phase II

1. Two groups go together as follows:

January – February

March – April

May – June

July – August

September – October

November – December

2. Each member shortly presents someone else in the group to the other group

- **be quick**
- **it's not so serious**

Break 10 min, back at 10.05

Assignment 1

Researcher's path

– Introduction to practical tips

Assignment 1: Researcher's path – Practical tips, reflective writing

- **Individual assignment**
- **Read the booklet Practical tips for doctoral students**
- **Write a reflective essay using Gibbs reflective cycle (The Gibbs reflective cycle will be introduced in seminar 2)**
- **The learning outcomes will be discussed in seminar 3**

Assignment 2

Research ethics group work

Assignment 2: Research ethics group work

- Group assignment
- Choose one topic in MyCourses and enroll to it by 26 January:
<https://mycourses.aalto.fi/mod/choice/view.php?id=1123742>
- The groups will be announced by email after the deadline
- Further introduction to the topic in seminar 3
- The learning outcomes will be discussed in seminar 4
- Research ethics course (26.2.-27.3.2024):
<https://www.aalto.fi/en/doctoral-education/research-ethics-for-doctoral-students-course>

Assignment 3

CV and career plan

Assignment 3: CV and career plan

- **Individual assignment**
- **Before this workshop you should submit your academic CV and career plan to MyCourses (the career plan is part of the doctoral personal study plan), dl 28.2 and bring the Lifeline exercise with you to seminar 5.**
- **During/after the seminar you can update your CV and/or career plan based on what you have learned in the seminar.**
- **The workshop is organized by the Career Design Lab**

Assignment 4

Writing assignment

Assignment 4: Writing group work

- **Group assignment**
- **Topic freely selected**
- **Author's contribution included**
- **Group feedback in March from William Martin**

Assignment 4: Writing group work

- **Groups research field specific**
 - Find your own department on the tables
 - Form groups of 2-3 persons
 - Write your names on the papers on the teacher's table to form your group and remember to exchange your contact information

Final Assignment

2 final assignment options, 4-5 pages

Individual assignment

- 1. Diary + final reflection**
- 2. Continuous reflection of the course topics**

Remember to write notes/diary about every seminar/event for yourself.

Option 1: summary + reflection, 5 pages

1. Summary (diary) about (2-3 pages):

- Orientation Days (participation or reading material)
- Seminars 2-6 (not seminar 1): If you have missed some seminars, read the seminar material from the course website (Remember: participation in at least 3 seminars is compulsory!)

2. Reflection (2-3 pages)

- Reflection on what you learned on the Orientation Days and in the seminars
- You can use the Gibbs method, the learning diary method or some other reflective learning method, remember references!

3. List the 3 most important things you learned in this course (bullet points).

Option 2: Continuous reflection

- 1. Do 6 separate reflection cycles/learning diaries about:**
 - Orientation Days (participation or reading material) and
 - Seminars 2-6: If you have missed some seminars, read the seminar material from the course website (Remember: participation in at least 3 seminars is compulsory!)
 - You can use the Gibbs method, the learning diary method or some other reflective learning method, remember references!
- 2. List the 3 most important things you learned in this course (bullet points).**

Additional assignments for 3 cr course

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- **Individual writing assignments**
 - Pop-science pitch + Journal-paper extended abstract
 - Feedback from William Martin
- **General research skills essay**
 - Pick a book that interests you (check the options)
 - Peer evaluation/feedback

Wrap-up - seminar 1

Are the following true for you?

- I have an overall picture of the course and its requirements
- I have gotten to know some new fellow student(s)

How do you feel about your doctoral studies right now?

<https://presemo.aalto.fi/intro22>

Upcoming events

Aalto Orientation Days



- **Highly recommended for all doctoral students at Aalto University. Information on services available.**
- **Organized 15-16.1.2024**
- **Separate enrollment, check if late enrollment is possible:
udes@aalto.fi**

See you in the ELEC session of the Orientation Days and in Seminar 2!

