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Семестър на обучение (римска цифра/ 3 – зимен, Л – летен)	Название на курса	Форма (Л-лекции, С – семинар, У – упражнение)	Кредити (ECTS credits)	Длъжност и име на преподавателя	Договор (Щ – щатен, Х – хоноруван, Г – гост-лектор)
Л или 3	На английски език: Organization of Ph.D. Studies and Scientific Writing in Psychology	Л 60	10	Проф. дпсн Ирина Зиновиева	Щ

**PH. D. PROGRAMME
IN CULTURAL AND DIFFERENTIAL PSYCHOLOGY**

**ORGANIZATION OF PH.D. STUDIES AND
SCIENTIFIC WRITING IN PSYCHOLOGY
SYLLABUS**

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Summary

Organization of Ph.D. Studies and Scientific Writing in Psychology course offers an introduction into the nature of the doctoral level studies and the way to organize activities and time for successful completion of the goals. It provides practical guidance into writing a plan of the PhD studies, instruction on the nature and scope of the tasks, time schedule, selection and execution of activities in order to prepare and defend a dissertation. The second part is reserved for learning the art of scientific writing. It is focused on the particular requirements for publications in international peer-reviewed psychological journals. The course attendants are expected to write an article on the subject of their dissertation and to submit it for analysis and feedback from the lecturer and the peers. The course closes with practical advice for participation in international conferences and presentation by the course attendants of a paper for a scientific conference.

Course content	Workload (hours)
Preparing a plan for the Ph.D. studies	4
Structure of a Ph.D. thesis. The necessary steps and the way to execute them. Literature overview. Theoretical framework.	2
Structure of a Ph.D. thesis. Empirical study. Formulating hypotheses. Presentation of the results. Conclusions.	4
Citing correctly. Exercises.	4
Dissertation defense process and why it is necessary to take it into account from the beginning.	2
Types of scientific publications. Impact factor. Citation indexes. Work with relevant databases. Hints for improving the chances for being cited internationally.	8
Scientific language and writing style. Examples of well written texts. Common mistakes.	6
Preparing a scientific article for peer-reviewed international journals in psychology. Structure and requirements for the different parts. Hidden expectations of the journals.	4
Analysis of existing articles and drawing useful lessons.	4
Discussion on course attendants' papers - each participant is expected to submit a text of a tentative article in the field of one's dissertation. Feedback from the lecturer and other participants.	8
Participation in international conferences. Preparing and submission of abstracts. Preparing for oral presentation. Preparing for poster presentations.	4
Participation in international conferences. Establishing and maintaining academic contacts.	2
Feedback and discussion on course attendants' presentations - each participant is expected to make an oral conference presentation. Feedback from the lecturer and other participants.	8

Basic Sources

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