

Expectation horizon for term papers in the advanced seminar

The Institute of Historical Studies expects the points listed below from a successful written paper in the advanced seminar. The aim of the advanced seminar is to convey these. The lecturers concretise the individual points according to need and define suitable conditions for success.

Content of the term paper

- Clear, precise and delimited research question or assignment
- Sufficient critical overview of the state of research on the topic
- Mention and brief critique of the sources used
- Sufficient literature and source research for a well-founded argumentation or presentation.
- Sufficient text length for a well-founded argumentation or presentation
- Clear and logical structure
- Comprehensible presentation and coherent argumentation
- Clear thesis formation through a concluding, well-founded own judgement
- No plagiarism, i.e. identification and proof of all direct and indirect copies from sources and literature.

Formalities of the term paper

- Observe all requirements of the examination regulations (especially §6, 15, 16).
- Discussing the topic with the teacher before starting work on it
- Appropriate linguistic expression and correct spelling
- Consistent and comprehensible implementation of the formal requirements
- Observance of the specific requirements of the respective sub-area of history
- Preparation of all necessary lists (list of sources, bibliography, list of illustrations, list of abbreviations) for the respective work
- Enclosure of the personally signed declaration of originality

Make an appointment with your teacher to debrief and ask for individual feedback.