
Handout for the advanced seminars in history studies

- (1) The advanced seminars serve to learn how to research literature and sources on a topic or issue in libraries, in databases and on the internet and how to prepare written papers and, if necessary, to practise giving presentations in front of a larger audience. The students are accompanied and supported by the lecturers in solving these complex tasks.
- (2) Attendance at a writing workshop is compulsory to accompany the advanced seminar in the advanced module Modern/Eastern Europe. In this workshop, the preparation of a written paper according to academic standards is discussed in detail and practised.
- (3) The following points are necessary building blocks for the introduction to scientific work, which will be discussed at an appropriate point in the course:
 - Developing and formulating guiding questions and theses, exemplified by practical examples
 - Literature research, literature indexing (e.g. via reviews, subject bibliographies and databases), library use
 - Text reading, text analysis, excerpting
 - Source studies, source criticism and, depending on the subject focus, also the indexing and commenting of sources
 - Depending on the topic of the course: auxiliary sciences and/or theoretical approach and/or methodological approach
 - Correct citation and bibliography
 - Producing a written work
- (4) If presentations are part of the course, the requirements and framework conditions are explained.
- (5) The Institute of Historical Studies has formulated a set of expectations for written examinations (homework, coursework) in advanced seminars. The lecturers concretise the points formulated therein according to need and define suitable conditions for success.
- (6) Attendance is compulsory in advanced seminars.