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Academic Research Paper for the Bachelor Degree in Vocal Studies (Gesang)

Guidelines
(Updated November, 2020)

City / Date / Signature

Please also indicate if you were assisted by a tutor in the preparation of the paper: "The tutor [name] assisted in the writing of this paper."

More Information

Website HfMT – Musikwissenschaft

<https://www.hfmt-hamburg.de/paedagogik-und-wissenschaft/musikwissenschaft/>

Modulbeschreibung BA Gesang:

https://www.hfmt-hamburg.de/fileadmin/u/ordnungen/Modul_Gesang_BMus_Aug_2020.pdf

Moodle-Raum „Wissenschaftliche Hausarbeiten“

<https://elearning.hfmt-hamburg.de/course/view.php?id=4>
(freie Einschreibung)

PLAN OF STUDIES/ADMINISTRATION

All students in the BA Vocal program must write a research paper (Hausarbeit) as part of the musicology module. In the Bachelor's program, the following requirements must be met as part of the Musicology Module 2 (B-Gs-Mw-2):

1. completion of the seminar "Einführung ins wiss. Arbeiten" (Introduction to academic research) or, alternatively, in another thematically related "Musikwissenschaftlichen Seminar". The seminar is usually taken in the 4th or 5th semester and is generally completed with an oral presentation. A space for 2 CP is provided on the academic record sheet (Dokubogen). Do not forget to get the lecturer's signature!
2. a written paper of 25,000 characters (approx. 10 pages), for which 2 credit points are provided. (Deadline: end of the 6th semester).

ACADEMIC RESEARCH PAPER (WISSENSCHAFTLICHE HAUSARBEIT)

CONTENT AND FORMATTING

According to the module description (Musikwissenschaftliches Modul 2), the requirements for the academic research paper (wissenschaftliche Hausarbeit) are as follows:

"Preparation of an academic research paper (approx. 10 pages, 25,000 characters) with accompanying colloquium. // Qualification goals: Scholarly analysis of a topic. If possible, the specific topics of the academic paper will be discussed in colloquia during the second semester of the module and the writing process will be supervised. // Proof of completion: A written essay about a topic from the fields of musicology, music theory, music pedagogy or general subject didactics, which has been written using scholarly methods. The topic is proposed by the student and assigned by a qualified teacher (supervisor/Betreuer:in). The paper should be approx. 25,000 characters in length (see information sheet "Academic research paper BA Gesang"). // Evaluations by two teachers (pass/fail). One supervisor must be academically qualified. The research topic must be registered in the 6th semester by May 15 / November 15 with the academic offices (Fachbüro). The final paper must be submitted to the academic offices by the end of the 6th semester (including the lecture-free period, i.e. by September 30 / March 31)."

The paper consists of 25,000 characters (approx. 10 pages, excluding musical examples and illustrations). It will be graded by two teachers. Therefore, **before you start writing your paper, you must find two supervisors**, at least one of whom must be academically qualified.

Lecturers in the field of musicology, for example, are considered academically qualified. An list of lecturers in musicology can be found here: <https://www.hfmt-hamburg.de/paedagogik-und-wissenschaft/musikwissenschaft>

The supervisor will advise you during the preparation of the thesis. Please note that supervision is only possible to a very limited extent during the university holidays.

Please hand in the form „Anmeldung. Wissenschaftliche Hausarbeit“ to your academic office (Fachbüro) at the beginning of the 6th semester: **by Nov. 15** in winter semester, or **by May 15** in summer semester.

After completing the paper, **hand in two copies**, preferably bound, to your academic office. The departmental offices will forward the work for review. The reviewers will be given 6 weeks for grading.

PLEASE NOTE: In addition to the "academic research paper" mentioned here, the final module (Abschlussmodul) requires a concert program or comparable written paper.

The formatting and content of the paper must meet the following criteria:

Page 1: Titel Page

The title page should contain:

- The title of the paper
- The text „Wissenschaftliche Hausarbeit im Rahmen des Musikwissenschaftlichen Moduls“
- Your name, major (Studiengang) and semester level
- The names of your supervisors

Page 2: Table of Contents

The table of contents should provide a structured outline of the paper's topic. In one of the first sections, you include a short description the literature you have used (Forschungsstand).

Pages 3-12: Main content

The text should be written out in full (i.e. not in bullet points or lists), have a title and be structured by subheadings. Please mark all passages that you have borrowed from other texts in quotation marks and acknowledge the source in a footnote. **A quotation can only ever serve as evidence for a statement; it cannot replace your own text.** A template for the required type area can be found in the Moodle room "Wissenschaftliche Hausarbeiten."

Page 13: Sources and Works Cited

Include a bibliography at the end of the paper.

Page 14: Declaration of Authenticity (Eidesstattliche Erklärung)

Sign and attach the Declaration of Authenticity form (Eidesstattliche Erklärung). The paper will not be accepted without it.

Formatting

Tips and format recommendations can be found on the Moodle room "Wissenschaftliche Hausarbeiten."