

GRADE DESCRIPTION OF ASSIGNMENTS FOR THE INTERNATIONAL PROJECT SEMESTER: 25 ECTS CREDITS IN MODERN INTERNATIONAL AND TRANSNATIONAL HISTORY MITRA4400

The course yields 25 credits. MITRA4400 lasts for one semester. The student is supposed to split his/her working hours between regular tasks assigned by the contractor and work on the report. The length of the assignment should be 15-20 standard pages (2300 characters without spacing). The abstract should be 1-3 standard pages.

Key assessment criteria:

1. As the report is supposed to satisfy specific needs for the contractor, its topic must be decided by the contractor and the student together.
2. Methodologically and analytically, the report must fulfil regular academic requirements. Equivalent formal requirements, for example the use of reference literature apply too.
3. The focus of an MITRA4400 assignment may be less purely theoretical than other master's theses; only rarely will contractor be interested in exclusive reviews of theoretical perspectives. Ideally, an MITRA4400 assignment shall contribute to the collection and analysis of new empirical material or a collection and discussion of background material that the contractor are unable to collect and undertake on their own for reasons of time and/or resource constraints. For such a contribution to be of value to the contractor it must satisfy normal academic requirements.
4. The grading scale is used to denote differences in terms of:
 - The amount of independent material collected, such as various forms of texts, interviews etc.
 - The use of sources in the local language
 - Knowledge of relevant academic sources
 - The level of methodological reflection
 - The level of analytical clarity

A

Grade A is awarded for exceptionally good assignments that clearly demonstrate the student understands of the interdependence, what is of value for the contractor and normal academic requirements are mutually interdependent. The student must demonstrate a capacity for independent work and a good understanding of how the exchange period abroad can be used to collect original material that has a high utility value for the contractor. This material must also be amenable for analysis in light of relevant academic literature. An A-worthy assignment should be convincing in nearly all respects, but may contain minor errors provided that these have no effect on the overall impression.

- Research question: Must be clearly formulated; must be justifiable in terms of its utility value for the contractor and demonstrate insight into the academic field to which it is related.
- Empirical material/primary sources: The assignment must show that the student has made good use of the exchange period abroad and contributes a certain amount of original material. Having parts of the material in the national language is an advantage, but not a requirement.
- Academic literature: The student must demonstrate insight into the relevant academic literature. He/she must also be familiar with the necessary theoretical concepts and use them in the paper.
- Methodology: The student must provide a clear presentation of methodological approaches and demonstrate a good capacity for reflection on the chosen method.
- Analysis: The student must demonstrate a capacity for independent, reflective analysis of the material presented.
- Structure and design: The assignment is structured in a way that establishes a satisfactory association between the research question, analysis and conclusion.
- Language: Satisfactory and with no material errors or defects.
- Use of scientific transcription: No significant errors.
- References and notes: No significant errors.

B

Grade B is awarded for assignments that are above average and demonstrate that the student has understood how the utility value for the contractor and normal academic requirements are mutually interdependent. The student must demonstrate a capacity for independent work, have collected relevant material and demonstrate a good capacity for analysis of the same.

- Research question: Must be clearly formulated; must be justifiable in terms of its utility value for the contractor and demonstrate insight into the academic field to which it is related.
- Empirical material/primary sources: The assignment shows that the student has made good use of the exchange period abroad and demonstrates a good understanding of the context while using relevant sources. Having parts of the material in the national language is an advantage, but not a requirement.
- Academic literature: The student must demonstrate insight into the relevant academic literature.
- Methodology: The student must provide a clear presentation of the methodological approaches and demonstrate a good capacity for reflection on the chosen method.
- Analysis: The student must demonstrate a capacity for independent, reflective analysis of the material presented.
- Structure and design: The assignment is structured in a way that establishes a satisfactory association between the research question, analysis and conclusion.
- Language: Very good and with no significant errors or defects.

- Use of scientific transcription: No significant errors.
- References and notes: No significant errors
- The ability to comply with formal requirements

C

Grade C is awarded for an average academic performance that satisfies the requirements for presentation of empirical material, methodology, analysis and design. The assignment must present a certain amount of empirical material that may have a utility value for the contractor and relate it to relevant academic literature. The material must be analysed in a way that provides the contractors with useful input for further knowledge development.

- The research question: Must be clearly formulated and justifiable with regard to utility value for the contractor, and also demonstrate a degree of insight into the academic field to which it is related.
- Empirical material and primary sources: The assignment must show that the student has made good use of the exchange period and contributes a certain amount of original material. Having parts of the material in the national language is an advantage, but not a requirement
- Academic literature: The student must demonstrate insight into relevant academic literature.
- Methodology: Must present the methodological approaches used, and the student must demonstrate a capacity for reflection on the chosen method.
- Analysis: Must demonstrate a certain degree of independence and capacity for reflection on the topic.
- Structure and design: The assignment is structured in a way that establishes a satisfactory association between the research question, analysis and conclusion.
- Language: Satisfactory and with no material errors or defects.
- Use of scientific transcription: Largely correct.
- References and notes: No significant errors.

D

Grade D is awarded for assignments that have material defects and represent little utility value to the contractor. Such assignments have clear weaknesses, including in terms of key criteria, but show that the student is familiar with the requirements and has attempted to address them. For example, grade D is given to an assignment that focuses on a relevant topic in the contractor's country, but fails to elucidate it using data from the local context and instead mainly elucidates it through, for example, foreign sources. Grade D is awarded for assignments that fail to address and discuss the sources used, and instead mainly refer to them.

E

Grade E is awarded for assignments that satisfy no more than the minimum requirements, but still may pass. Such assignments represent very little utility value to the contractor and have clear weaknesses with regard to most key requirements. For example, grade E is given to an assignment based on an interview survey for which the interview guide has been insufficiently elaborated and the responses therefore are difficult to apply, and where the responses are presented without any discussion.

F

Grade F is awarded to assignments that fail to meet the minimum requirements and have an insufficient presentation. The assignment has no utility value for the contractor and fails to satisfy key requirements.

A student who receives the grade F will have the opportunity to revise the assignment and resubmit it. The deadline for this will be set by the Department (IAKH).