

MUS2500/4500

Term paper

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An outline you may use:

Introduction: briefly describe the topic, your motivation for writing it, the research question(s) and definitions of important concepts that you use

Theory: Relevant literature that supports the topic you are writing on. Here you should start from the reading list of the course, but it is also smart to include something else (try a search on [Google Scholar](#)).

Method: it is important that you explain *what* you have been doing, and *how* you have been doing it. Try to reflect on why the method(s) you have chosen are the best for you.

Analysis/discussion: this is the core part of what you have been finding.

Conclusion: Summarize your findings. Try to answer the question(s) you posed in the introduction.

References: Proper references and a literature list are always required.

Research question

- Some questions are closed and only invoke concrete/limited answers. Others will open up for discussions and different interpretations.
- Use: **how, why, which** (factors/situations), **in what way** etc.
- Asking “What ...?” is a more closed question than asking “How?” or “In what way?”
- Try to condense your research question into **one general question** – and perhaps a few more specific sub-questions (two or three will usually suffice).

References

- Your term paper should be your own independent work. Always state very clearly what is your own thinking and what you have read elsewhere.
- To enable the reader to retrieve your sources, you must include source references within your text as you go along.
- List all your sources at the end of your thesis.

For example:

Fraisse, P. (1982). Rhythm and tempo. In D. Deutsch (Ed.), *The psychology of music* (Vol. 1, pp. 149–180). New York, NY: Academic Press.

Read more about

- Use of sources and citations: <http://www.uio.no/english/studies/admin/examinations/sources-citations/>
- Academic writing: <http://sokogskriv.no/en/>.

Resources

Literature

- Syllabus: Main curriculum and optional reading (also in Fronter)
- Lecture material: both on the semester page and on Fronter
- Google scholar: <https://scholar.google.no>
- Oria: oria.no

Academic writing

- Søk og Skriv: <http://sokogskriv.no/en/>.
- Akademisk skrivesenter: <https://www.ub.uio.no/skrive-publisere/skrivesenter/>

Good luck!