

IN5010

Tips for writing an exam essay



Welcome to Search & Write!

Search & Write is a tool box for assignment writing in Norwegian higher education. You will find tips and guidance for the entire writing process, from the early stages of developing ideas and searching for literature to formal requirements and references.

The website consists of four “tracks” and several videos.

News: We are now using a common, Norwegian standard for the APA reference style. See the [pages in](#)

What is an essay?

- An essay organises a coherent set of ideas into an argument. An essay that answers a question thus answers that question (argument) with the help of a coherent set of ideas. You support these ideas with help of the course literature and secondary literature
- Essay structure examples:
 - <http://writing.umn.edu/sws/assets/pdf/quicktips/academicessaystructures.pdf>
 - <https://www2.le.ac.uk/offices/ld/resources/study-guides-pdfs/writing-skills-pdfs/writing-essays-new.pdf>

Search & Write

- Everything you need to consider can be found on *Search & Write*: <http://sokogskriv.no/en/>
- Four sections:
 - Searching
 - Reading
 - Writing: <https://sokogskriv.no/en/writing/>
 - Sources & Referencing
- N.B. Site is also available in Norwegian

Writing

Structure and
argumentation

Language and style

The writing process

Formal requirements

Disseminating your
thesis

Writing

Academic writing has certain formal requirements. In order to write a good thesis, you must satisfy academic standards with regard to language, style, structure, and to the content of your thesis. Another important aspect is of course the correct use of sources.

The Search & Write site focuses mainly on thesis writing (very handy for your master thesis), but most sections are VERY relevant for writing your essay. Remember:

- Follow the requirements as outlined in the Course Document
- Proper use of references is a just!
- Structure your argument
- You can bring additional cases and articles to strengthen your argument.