

tips for very good papers: organization and bibliography, content, citing, language

title is precise and clearly indicates the focus of the paper; excellent table of contents with consistent capitalization of chapters and subchapters; clear overall structure showing logical development and appropriate number and length of chapters and subchapters with never only one subchapter per chapter; excellent introduction that makes the reader want to continue; excellent conclusion that gives the reader a sense of closure; clear transitions between the chapters, and unified, well-developed, and coherent paragraphs with clear transitions within and between paragraphs

sequence: one annotated bibliography with no divisions or categories and with a clear sequence of sources usually arranged alphabetically by author's last name or by title or short form of URL if author is not known; information given: each individual source includes all normal bibliographical details; choice of sources: sufficient number of published sources indicating the students are familiar with the most important published works dealing with the subject including course books and with no use of German sources without convincing reasons that the information could not be found in sources written in English; annotations: details about the choice of book with clear relevance for topic including critique and location and evidence of reliability; detailed and convincing explanation for the use of websites (answering the [WWWWW questions](#)) including the exact complete address of websites and web pages given.

convincing evidence of content relevance for Anglo-American Studies topics with evidence of having learned previous course content and/or are aware of upcoming course topics, clear use of [course material](#) or explicit explanations of why which [course material](#) (concrete examples necessary) wasn't used

convincing evidence of content relevance for German students of English and choice of content from [course material](#) based on audience interest

convincing evidence of strong personal interest in choice of content and use of memorable examples and quotations or evidence of explicit critical use of sources

accidental plagiarism avoided ([intentional plagiarism](#) results in an automatic grade of 5 for the course, expulsion from the course, and notification of all staff members)

no trace of accidental plagiarism in any passage, all sources clearly given

all citations given correctly and exactly and all easy to find in bibliography

very few mistakes in punctuation and spelling, evidence of varied punctuation and spelling of words that pose problems for German writers

few mistakes in grammar (verb, adverb, article) or in stylistics (pronoun, shifts)

few mistakes in lexis or syntax with an advanced range