

# Guideline Application for winter term 2020/2021 Academic Essay

Students must write an academic essay for the SCS application process.

## **Topic for winter term 2020/2021**

Describe the interdependencies between the living conditions within your home city and the region around. What is required for smart sustainability?

## **Criteria**

Following criteria will be evaluated:

- Applicants give evidence that they are able to work independently and to present complex coherences in a simple and comprehensive way
- Applicants are able to express themselves and to abstract to apply given methodologies in order to overcome a given problem
- Applicants are able to use literature sources and to apply correct citations (as per Harvard style)

## **Structure**

The 10.000 characters essay must be structured as following:

- Introduction & problem definition (approx. 20%)
- Analysis of the situation, based on nameable literature sources (approx. 20%)
- "Best Practice" / solution approaches as well based on nameable literature sources (approx. 25%)
- Discussion: pro's and con's with regard to the case (approx. 20%)
- Conclusion (approx. 10%)

Please submit this essay together with your other application documents in due time. Poorly submitted essays lead to an incomplete application, which cannot be considered.