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Instructions for the learning diary

How to write a learning diary

1. A learning diary is a commentary on what you have heard on the lectures and read in the assigned texts. The aim of the assignment is to help you absorb the content of the course and at the same time develop your critical thinking skills. You do not need to comment on everything that was covered in the lectures in the diary. Instead, you can focus on 2 or 3 themes from each lecture.
2. The learning diary should comment on central and relevant themes from the lecture. It should also be clear from your text how your thoughts are connected to the content of the lectures. One way to do this is to refer to the subheadings from the lecture slides.
3. The learning diary should summarize, analyze and comment on themes from the lectures. It is not necessary to extensively repeat what has been said; a short reference to what you are commenting on is enough.
4. Your learning diary should also reference the text assigned for each lecture. Once again, you should not try to summarize the whole text or comment everything from it, but choose one or two themes that you wish to comment on. It is a good idea to draw connections between the lectures and the text.
5. You can criticize themes presented in the lectures and present your own personal perspectives. You can also freely disagree with the lecturers or the authors of the texts assigned. However, you should aim to present arguments for your own perspectives and avoid offering unfounded opinions as your comments.
6. Your learning diary can also comment on things that were difficult to understand for you on the course.
7. The learning diary entry for each lecture should be **400-600 words**, thus the complete diary would be some 4 000 - 5 000 words in total.
8. If you are absent from a lecture, your learning diary still needs to reference the reading assigned for that day and should fulfil the word quota.
9. It's a good idea to write the entries every week, rather than wait until end of the course.
10. Submit your learning diary **on Moodle** on **16.12. latest**.

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