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! each chapter can be divided into subchapters (e.g. 2.1. or 2.1.1.) suitable for the complexity of the term paper’s structure; yet, regarding the limited amount of words you are allowed to write, try to avoid too many subdivisions

! it is recommended to give headings to your (sub)chapters including Introduction and Summary

**1. Introduction (or you may use an appropriate title)**

A convincing structure, a coherent line of argument and an accurate dealing with primary and secondary literature are essential to a successful term paper; yet, equally indispensable is the correct form of the term paper. Despite all the details and exceptions writers of research papers have to mind when considering format and style, both have not been designed to torture students and to waste their precious time but to establish (inter)national standards and guarantee the readability and thus comprehensibility of the text. This paper is going to introduce the form that should be applied when writing term papers in English Literary Studies at the Otto-Friedrich-University Bamberg.

An introduction needs to contain a convincing thesis, which consists of a claim and an argument why this claim is supposedly true. You follow this claim and prove or disprove it throughout the paper. After the thesis, your introduction gives a brief overview over the structure of your paper.

**2. Form**

Every term paper must have a title page (including the name of the university and chair, the course title, the name of the lecturer, the (sub)title of the term paper, the student’s name, matriculation number, major(s) and minor(s) and semester; the e-mail address is not obligatory due to privacy but recommended in case contacting is necessary); a term paper must also have a table of contents including every (sub)chapter whose headings must be repeated in the text word for word. The title and table of contents pages must not be numbered but the student’s first and last name should appear in the upper right hand corner (except on the title page).

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The first word of each paragraph should be indented 1.25 cm from the left margin. Term papers must not include paragraphs consisting of only one sentence. New paragraphs should not be started in the middle of a line of thought.

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**Works Cited**

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I hereby declare according to § 10 para. 4 APO that this work is the result of my own independent scholarly effort and that in all cases material from the work of others is acknowledged. Quotations and paraphrases are clearly indicated and no material or tools other than listed have been used. This written work has not been submitted at any university before. I understand that the use of sources whose authenticity cannot be verified is a serious violation of the principles of good academic practice (cf. <https://www.uni-bamberg.de/studium/im-studium/studienorganisation/quellen/> and <https://www.uni-bamberg.de/forschung/profil/gute-wissenschaftliche-praxis/>; only available in German).

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[Insert your text here]

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