



Budget Educational Committee

Introduction

The Educational Committee is a new committee this year! The 13th board set up this committee to emphasize and expand Extra Muros' role as educational supporter. It will take on several elements that were organized by the Academic Committee last year. The Academic Committee will therefore be able to fully focus on the recreational part of being an academic.

This budget explains all components by which this committee is the embodiment of the educational pillar of Extra Muros. To enumerate those components: Crash Courses, Q&A's, study groups, academic writing classes, summaries, an open email address and WhatsApp group chats.

Crash Courses

Crash Courses will still be held according to the same idea as last year. However, this year it is more so the idea that students come to a crash course with their questions prepared. The first part of the crash course will explain what the test will look like and lay out the best ways to study. After that questions about the subject matter can be asked. Probably only in the case of TAS, a general summary of the subject matter will be given.

There will be crash courses on the following courses:

- Thinking about Science (midterm and endterm)
- European History (endterm)
- Brain (endterm, but still up for debate as it is relatively easy to study, so might be skipped)
- Mind (depends on whether there will be a test or an essay)
- Imagining Justice (midterm, because endterm will have the same formatting)

The direct time spent on those crash courses will be about 2 hours and there will be about 6 of them, depending upon popularity. And hopefully real-life ones in March/May! Two people together will give a crash course.

A lot of time goes into the preparation of these crash courses, so an appropriate amount of money to give per crash course would be 25 euros, seeing the many hours of preparation.

This comes down to $(6 \times 2 \times 25) = 300$ euros.

Q&A's

There will be online Q&A's before the all four of the exam weeks. These are here to answer any last questions. Questions about subject matter, test formatting etc. can all be asked. There will be 4-6 Q&A sessions depending upon the attendance. The prospected time is 1 hour, but could be prolonged to 2 hours. Q&A sessions will depend on voluntary help and thus be held for free.

Study groups

In study groups, a competent student will be present to help others understand the subject matter. These study group sessions will last about 2 hours effectively, but may of course last either shorter or longer. There will be 12 study group sessions in total, which means 3 sessions before each exam period. One of those study groups will be online, if necessary. It will be examined in advance for which courses students want a study group session, depending on which we fill in the 3 sessions. At signing up students can indicate for what course they would like to join a study session. So, the matter that will be discussed in these study sessions is flexible.

We are charging 20 euros for the second or third year student for doing a study group. The total budget for this would then have to be $(12 \times 2 \times 10) = 240$ euros.

Academic writing classes

There will be an academic writing course at the beginning of November, so this is in time for the Thinking about Science paper and the Rhetoric paper. This will be a class on how to structure a paper, how to structure paragraphs, and how to use APA. If there are any questions about writing, these will also be answered. This course will be a one-time thing and lasts for about 2 hours. Just like the Q&A sessions, the writing course will depend on voluntary help and thus be held without making any costs.

Additional activities of the Educational Committee

- Study aid Google Drive: organizing this folder and publishing official EM summaries.
- WhatsApp group chats and other tools to assist students in choosing their major.
- Making the committee's email address public to receive substantive questions from students.

Budget

As described before, only Crash Courses and study groups will make costs. Hence, the total budget will be $(300 + 240) = 540$ euros.

Possible adjustments to reduce costs

There is some uncertainty considering the examination of some courses. For example, the Mind part from Mind & Brain. It is possible to do fewer Crash Courses, which will lower costs with 50 euros each.

Depending on the demand for study groups, it is possible to reduce its quantity. 2 sessions before each exam period instead of 3 would create a total of 8 study group sessions this year. This would lower costs with 80 euros.