

## **“LOST IN TRANSITION”: FROM BA TO MA**

Academic and Professional Skills Workshop  
Jacobs University Bremen, School of Humanities and Social Science (SHSS)

*Different terms*

**CREDITS:** 0.2

**DURATION:** 4 hours

**INSTRUCTOR:** Ms. Liubov Borisova

### **WORKSHOP PREREQUISITES:**

This workshop is offered as an optional unit within the curriculum of Academic and Professional Skills module for *second-* and *third-*year BA students within the programmes of the School of Humanities and Social Science. Students starting a Masters (or Doctorate) degree next fall or those thinking about doing it when they graduate would benefit from this workshop.

### **WORKSHOP DESCRIPTION:**

Finishing undergraduate studies can be stressful and requires some decisions to be made about the future. More and more often students choose to continue their education in a graduate programme, and in many occupations it has become a standard to possess an MA degree in order to get a good job. This workshop deals with the questions of transition from the BA student life and academic culture to the MA one. We will cover the whole process: starting with choosing a graduate programme and planning the funding options (for example, looking for scholarships); efficiently preparing a convincing application; creating academically-geared CV and motivation/cover letters; moving and getting used to a new academic environment; getting familiar with the new academic expectations and complying with more demanding requirements; and finally, getting ready to write your Master's dissertation. In the workshop you will get a lot of useful templates for creating your own application documents, you will learn what the selection committees are looking for in the candidates; what is a Masters; what professors expect from you as a grad student; how the graduate learning process differs from the undergraduate one; and how to prepare to start your own research. By the end of the workshop, you will be able to plan and organise your life at a Master programme of your choice, and prepare your documents for it (for those who have not applied yet).

The workshop is a practical session, where you should be prepared to spend two hours or so actively planning your own futures. To the workshop you should bring:

- your laptops;
- your current CV's;
- the list of 2-3 Master/Doctorate programmes you wish to apply for (or if you are already accepted to a Masters, you should be able to find information about it and 1-2 other programmes you might be interested in).