

Academic English Writing

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ECTS: 2

Time: Wednesdays, 14.15-17.15

Place: t.b.a.

This course aims to help doctoral students identify in what respects their academic writing needs improvement, and to give them the opportunity to practice these aspects. In order to achieve these goals, we will rely on model texts to identify certain stylistic features, will discuss matters of grammar and vocabulary, and have practice in diverse text types. Course participants will receive regular and individual feedback on their writing.

Provisional course outline

	Date	Focus	Topics	Homework
1	March 2	The practical aspects of academic life: the CV, cover letters, project proposals, official letters	Introduction Sentence structure in English Formal writing Model texts for articles	A cover letter <i>or</i> a project proposal Finding a model text
2	March 16	Writing for journals vs. writing a thesis	Planning and managing the writing process The sequence of writing The writing context Picking the right journal	To maintain a research diary for two weeks
3	March 30	Paragraph structure	Topic progression Cohesion Linking devices	A structured paragraph
4	April 13	Definitions	Concise and extended definitions False friends	An extended definition
5	April 27	Literature review	Integrating sources Citation systems Reporting verbs Stance	A literature review <i>or</i> a paragraph with integrated sources
6	May 11	Introductions Conclusions	Emphasis Hedging	An introduction <i>or</i> a conclusion
7	May 25	Titles Abstracts	Self-editing your text Punctuation	An abstract

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