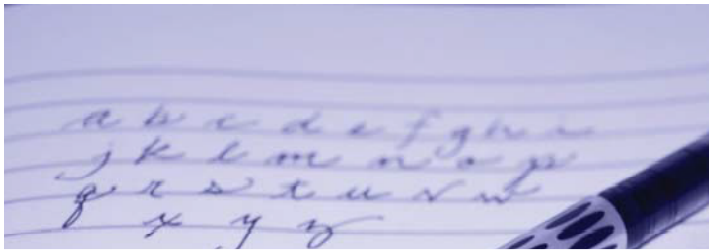


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Academic Writing



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Academic Writing Course

"Either write things worth the reading, or do things worth the writing."

Benjamin Franklin (1706 – 1790)

Course description

Academic writing is a one semester module for 2nd year Master students of English. It is designed for both study options: Sciences of Language and Civilization / Literature. It guides them through the process of academic writing and equips them with the required skills and strategies to successful accomplishment of their Master dissertation. The course offers both theoretical and practical lessons that help students improve their academic writing style and mechanics through classroom tasks and home assignments.

1. **Course objectives** : By the end of the semester, students will be able to:
 - Make clear distinction between academic writing and other forms of writing
 - Find and explore a proper topic for their dissertations
 - Formulate a workable title that suits the topic of research
 - Write appropriately different types of dissertation content
 - Distinguish formal language from plain language
 - Use formal style that corresponds to the area of research
 - Paraphrase and summarize a source
 - Incorporate and interpret critically visuals and charts
 - Revise, edit and proofread their writings
 - Write successfully an essay examination
2. **Grading policy** : The course grade is divided as follows

Exam mark
Official Term exam (100%)

3. Classroom regulations

- Regular attendance and good punctuality is regarded indispensable to ensure the well-running of the course and better progress and achievement of students. The more you attend, the more you perform and achieve better. So, DON'T MISS A SESSION!
- Course preparation, classroom participation and self-engagement are pre-requisites of the course.
- Students are requested to attend with their section in which they are enrolled unless there is an urgent reason to attend with the other section
- Any inappropriate behavior and discipline problem are not tolerated and they may result in undesired consequences.
- Questions, debates, suggestions and other forms of classroom interaction are welcomed and appreciated.
- Late comers to the class are allowed to join the course unless they are too late (more than 15mins) and are supposed to apologize and ask for permission to enter to the class.
- While lecturing, keep your mobile in silent mode or switch it off.
- No leaving before the end of the course unless for urgent reasons. So, inform the tutor of your early departure.
- Discipline, discipline and discipline. Listen quiet, Work quiet, and discuss quiet. Mutual respect is all what it takes to gain others' contentment
- Class tests are done in their due schedule and there are no making-up sessions for unjustified absences.
- The teacher is your guide, so follow his /her instructions!
- Success is the result of commitment, devotion and constant practice.

4. Course content

1. Introduction to academic writing
2. Formulation and wording of a dissertation title and headings
3. Academic writing content: Claims, evidence and transitions
4. Formal style vs. plain English
5. Summarizing and paraphrasing a source
6. Revising, editing and proofreading
7. Choosing, labeling and Critical interpreting of visuals (charts, tables and graphs)
8. Writing essay examination