

Writing Practice

Week 1: Introduction to Academic Writing

Lesson1: Introduction to the Course

01. Aim and Objectives of the Course

Study - Notes

1. Overview

- Course focuses on **academic writing** and the **norms** that guide it.
 - Students will learn multiple skills necessary for producing effective academic texts.
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2. Producing Academic Texts

- Learn how to **write different types of academic texts**, such as:
 - Short paragraphs describing charts, graphs, diagrams
 - Lab reports
 - Capstone project reports
 - Research proposal reports
 - Emphasis on the ability to **create** text independently.
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3. Writing Originally and With Integrity

3.1 Originality

- Originality does *not* mean everything must come only from your own mind.
- You may use information from:
 - Books
 - Websites
 - Discussions with people
 - Other academic sources
- The key is to:
 - Combine sources to build your **own argument**

- Give **proper credit** to original authors
- Course will teach how to cite and acknowledge sources.

3.2 Integrity

- Involves using sources **ethically** and **responsibly**.
 - Key considerations:
 - Are you giving appropriate credit?
 - Are you using information in a respectful and acceptable way?
 - Are you avoiding practices that may cause trouble or offend others?
 - Goal: Write in a way that keeps you and the creators of the sources comfortable.
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4. Structure in Academic Writing

4.1 Paragraph Structure

- A paragraph typically includes:
 - **Topic sentence**
 - **Supporting details**
 - **Concluding sentence**
- Learn to write each component effectively.

4.2 Essay Structure

- Learn to:
 - Write a strong **thesis statement**
 - Develop main ideas into **organized paragraphs**
 - Write an effective **conclusion**

4.3 Scientific Report Structure

- Components taught:
 - **Introduction**
 - **Method**
 - **Results**
 - **Discussion**
 - **Conclusion**

- **Abstract**
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5. Academic Conventions

- Conventions = shared rules/norms accepted by the academic community.
 - Following conventions helps you:
 - Maintain **integrity**
 - Write **ethically**
 - Avoid **plagiarism** and its consequences
 - Course will teach:
 - What academic norms are
 - How to follow them correctly
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6. Course Activities and Outcome

- Includes readings, quizzes, and assignments.
 - All tasks together help develop strong **academic writing skills**.
 - Final aim: enable students to write **original, ethical, and well-structured** academic texts.
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