

DT8806: Academic Writing

Introduction

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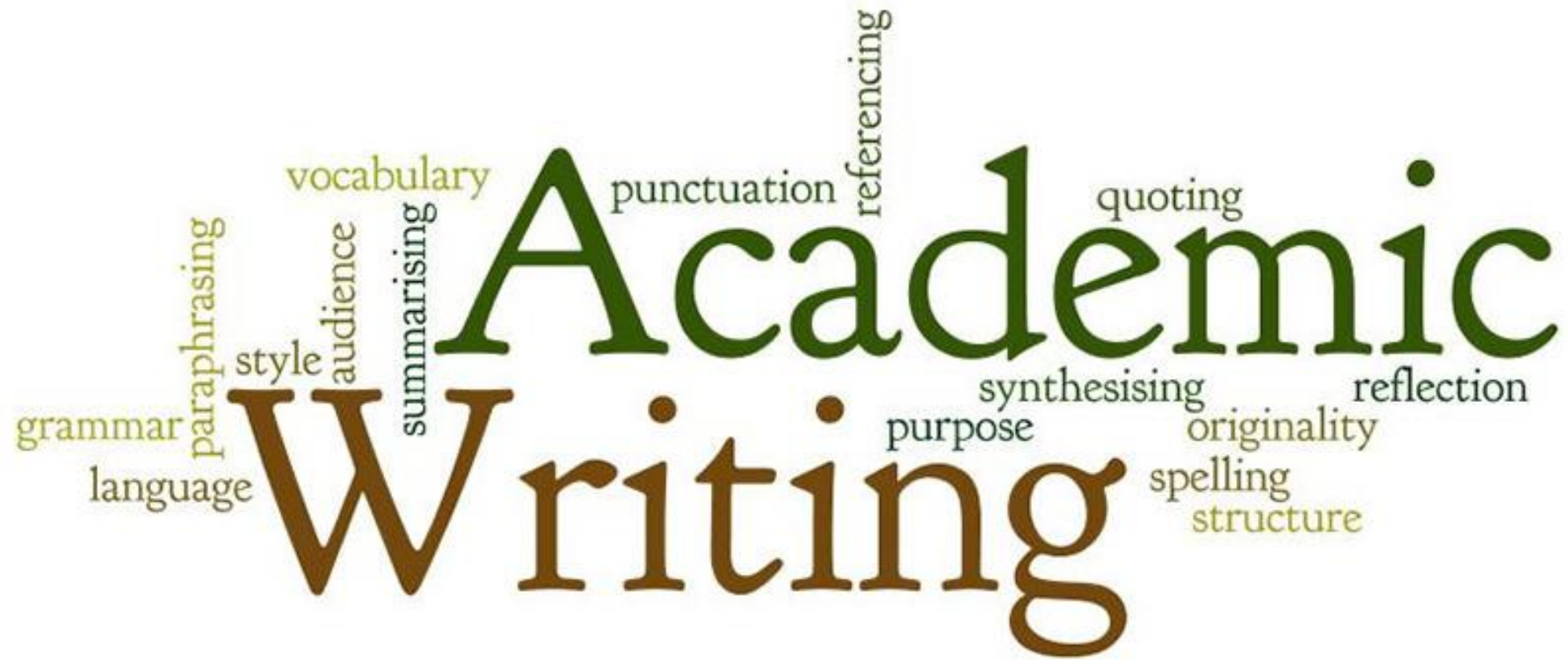
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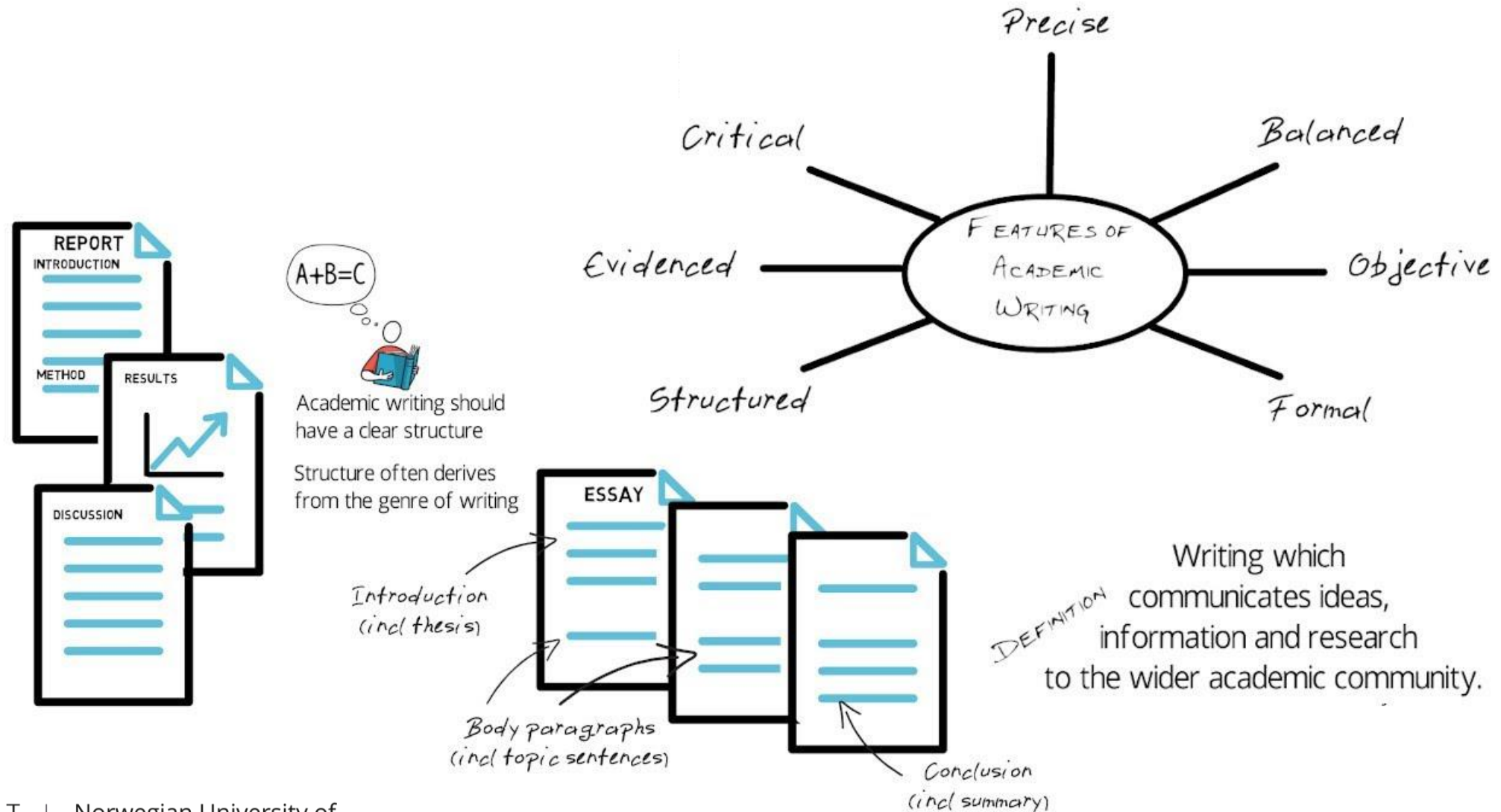
Agenda

- Introduction to the course
- Reflection on the course plan
- About you
- Your expectations
- Introduction to academic writing

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Seven Features of academic writing



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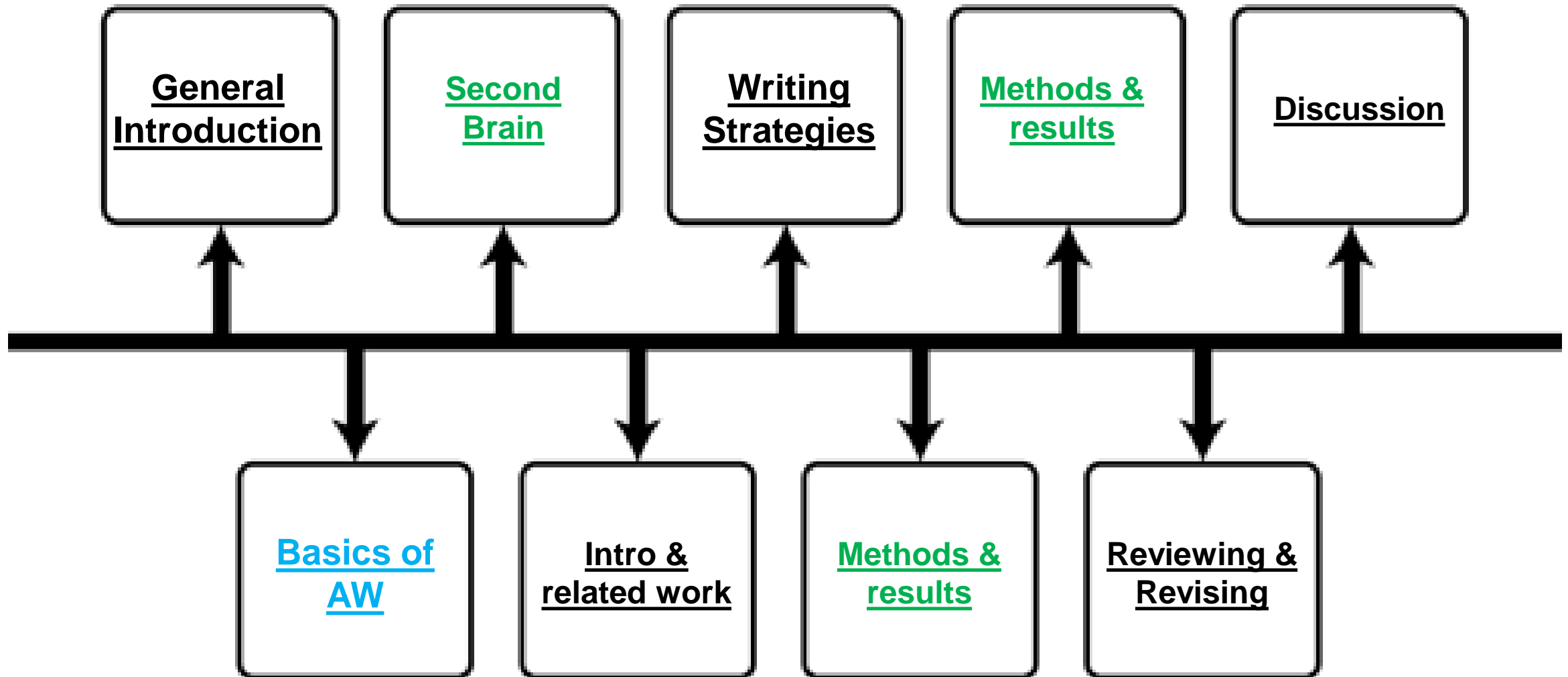
Regards,

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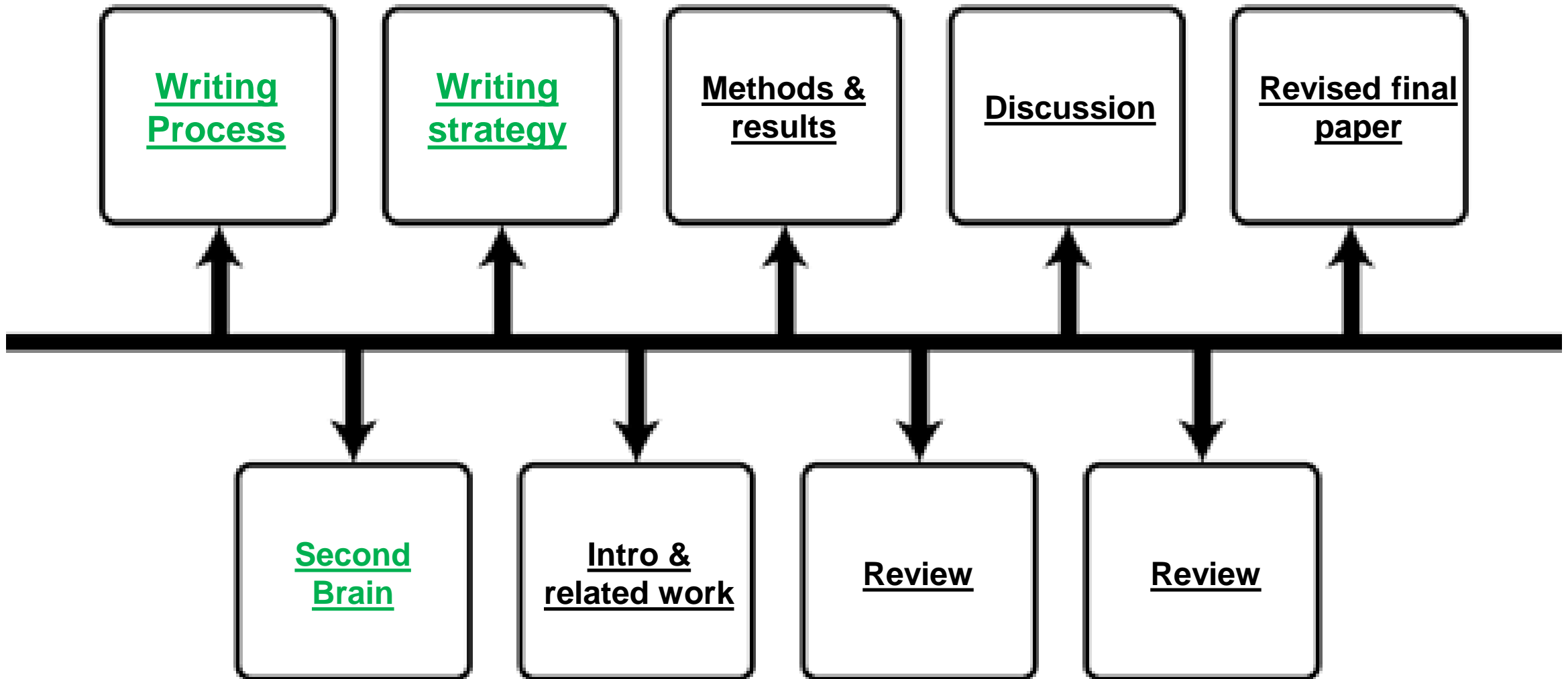
DT8806 Structure

- Nine (or 10) lectures
 - Kshitij
 - Guests
- Nine Assignments
 - Six out of nine assignments are necessary
- Feedback: Continuous
 - Instructor/External
 - Peer
- Grading: Pass/Fail

Lectures



Assignments



Week	Topic	Teacher	Assignment
3	L1: General Introduction (two hours)	Kshitij	
4	L2: Basics of Academic Writing	Kshitij/Guest	
5	L3: Second Brain (knowledge management)	Guest	A1: Write about your writing process
6	L4: Introduction and Background section(s)	Kshitij	
7	L5 Writing Strategies	Kshitij	A2: Setup your second brain
8	L6.1: Methods and results (Part 1)	Guests	A3: Reflect on your strategy
9	L6.2: Methods and results (Part 2)	Guests	A4: Introduction Draft (M)
10	No Lecture		
11	No Lecture		
12	L7: Reviewing and revising	Kshitij + Discussion	A5: Methods and Results draft
13	L8: Discussion section	Kshitij	A6: Peer review 1
14	No Lecture		
15	No Lecture		A7: Discussion Draft
16	No Lecture		A8: Peer review 2
17	L9: Writing Kappa (to be confirmed)	Guests	
18	No Lecture		
19	No Lecture		A9: complete draft and respond to reviews

Reflection on the course plan

About you

- Academic background (where you came from, your masters degree program, your emphasis within that degree program);
- Career goals;
- Current research interests (your PhD thesis project)
- Prior experience from writing (e.g., your master thesis) and if this has changed after starting your PhD (and possibly why?)

Your Expectations

Why Academic Writing?

- Academic writing gets you through your PhD
- Publications bring visibility and mobility
- Productive writers are attractive collaborators
- Publication weighs heavily in hiring, promotion, and tenure

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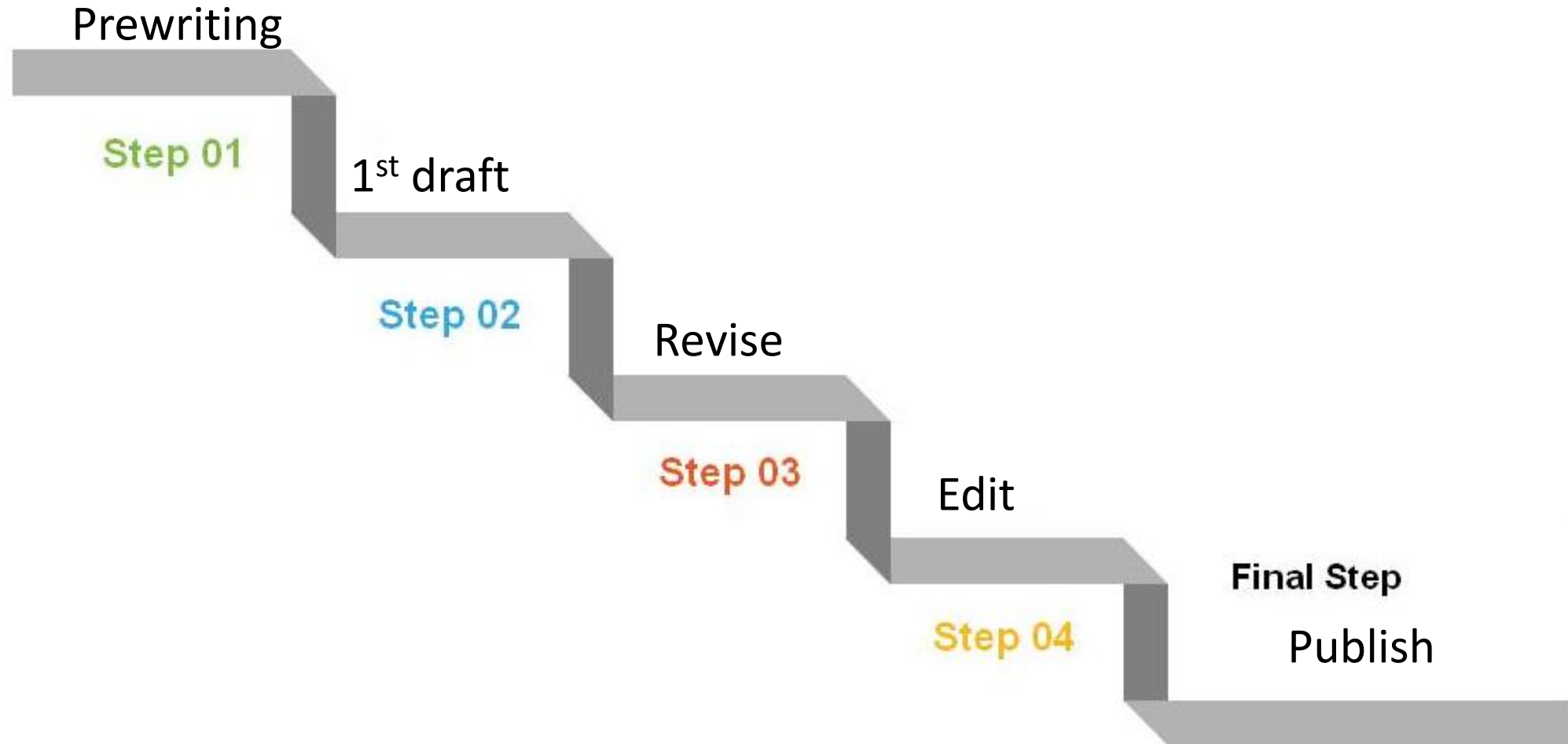
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Five Step process

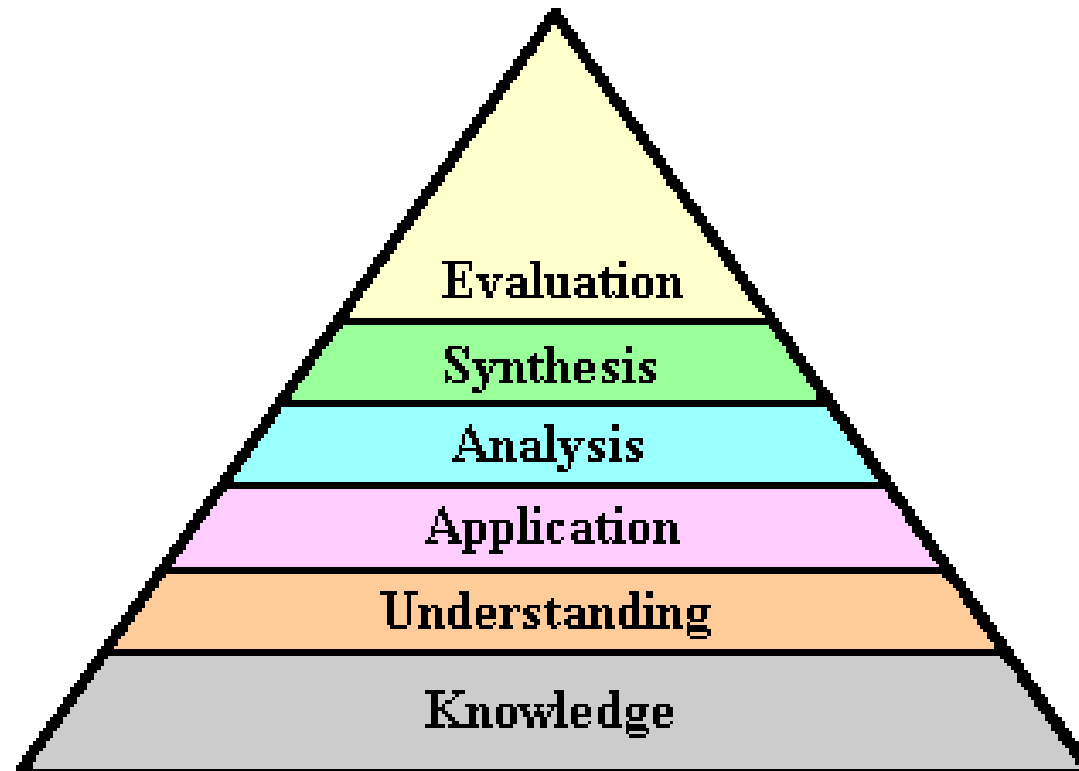


Five rules



1. Explain your ideas as clearly as you can.
2. Prepare an outline before you start to write.
3. Discuss only one idea per paragraph.
4. Make your sentences short and concise.
5. Use active voice.

Seven stages of knowledge



Five practical issues

- Unity
- Coherence
- Topic
- Adequate Development
- Economy

Next Week

- Basics of Academic writing
 - Processes
 - Strategies
 - Roadblocks
 - Solutions
 - Group work



Thank you!

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