





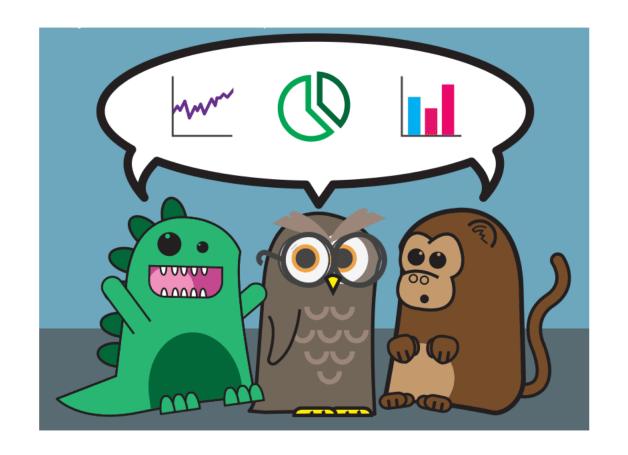
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#### **Academic Communication**

**Section 1: Introduction** 

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# Why This Course









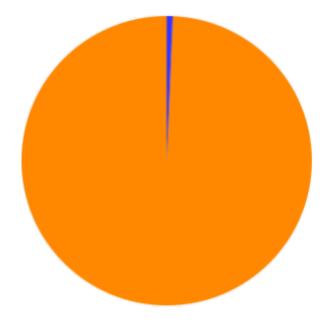






# This Course as Exponent

Successful Career = What you can do What you can say



Coursework taken in university

## Geoscience Themed













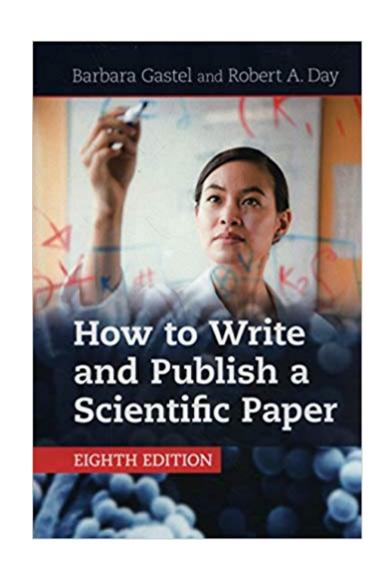


### Outlines

- Section 1: Introduction (2 hr)
- Section 2: International communications (2 hr)
- Section 3: Writing and publishing (8 hr) Assignment 25%
- Section 4: **Presentations at conferences** (6 hr) Assignment 15%
- Section 5: Writing proposals and applications (6 hr) Assignment 15%
- Section 6: **Interviews** (4 hr) Assignment 15%
- Section 7: **New media** (2 hr) Assignment 5%
- Section 8: Integrated practice (2 hr) Final defense 25%

## "Textbook"

- 科技论文写作与发表教程(第八版),原作者: (美)Barbara Gastel(芭芭拉盖斯特尔), Robert A. Day(罗伯特 A. 戴),译者:任治刚, 出版日期:2018-01-01, ISBN:9787121335235, 电子工业出版社
- How to Write and Publish a Scientific Paper 8th Edition by Barbara Gastel, Robert A. Day, Cambridge University Press



#### Resources

- CNKI
- Google or Google Scholar
- WORD (spelling and grammar)
- www.grammarly.com
- www.fall-2019.vps.agu.org
- www.academic.oup.com/gji/pages/student\_author\_award\_scheme
- www.wiki.seg.org/wiki/Best\_Paper\_in\_Geophysics\_Award
- www.wikipedia.com
- Colleagues and the instructor

# Brief History of Scientific Communications

- Write a book
- Write a letter to Isaac Newton
- Give a speech at Royal Society
- Publish in peer-reviewed journals
- News press
- Website, blog, social media



## Principles

- Type: medium, purpose
- Audience: background, expectation
- Context: formality, emotion, time/space restriction
- Clarity: templated, simplicity, straightforwardness, logical structure, focus



#### Exercise

Write an email to Prof. XXX in YYY University.

Ask about opportunities of graduate/postdoc studies.

Feel free to add necessary details.

Use the principles above to help you.

Can be either Chinese or English.

## Goal of the Email

- Solicit an admission offer or a postdoc contract
- Convince the professor that you are a good candidate
  - Provide right information
  - Make sure the professor receive the information
  - Show your professionalism
  - Avoid any possible distractions or misunderstanding
  - Impress the professor even he/she cannot take you

## Checklist

- No subject (too common profs may search your email four months later)
- Misspelling or grammatical errors
- Too casual
- Not following "templates" (professors don't like surprise)
- Off topic or unclear goal
- Unprofessional words or expressions
- Insufficient information
- Forget to add attachments or attachments too large or too hard to view

### Next Lecture

 What differences would you expect in international scientific communications?





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