

Week Date	Lesson	Content	Exercise
1 Feb 14	Course introduction	Writing in academic contexts	Procrastination. How to manage your time?
2 Feb 21	Lesson 1: Introduction to academic writing and Critical Thinking	Features of academic writing and academic style. Academic vocabulary.	Identify different types of writing.
3 Feb 28	Lesson 2: Critical Thinking	What is argument? Reasoning? How to Write a Critical Essay? Logical fallacy	(Watch the video and answer the questions.) Before class: https://open.163.com/newview/movie/free?pid=ZFTNC4RUT&mid=JFTNEJS11 After class: https://open.163.com/newview/movie/free?pid=ZFTNC4RUT&mid=VFTNEJGDD
4 Mar 7	Lesson 3: Title, Author and keywords	General functions and linguistic Features of the Title, Author and Keywords	Write a title for your own essay
5 Mar 14	Lesson 4: General Structure of Academic Paper General Layout	The writing process Structure of an essay General Layout	What makes academic writing academic? Start to work on writing a brief outline. With the tentative working title, thesis statement and the general structure of your essay. You can present the main points in the body parts as well, followed by the sources may be referred to in the section. Attention: this is the outline for your own term paper, not for

			other published paper. You may realize that this title is specific to work on by the limitation of 1200-1500 words' essay.
6 Mar 21	Lesson 5: Selecting & evaluating sources	How to collect evidence? Using evidence to support your ideas: the importance of reading & use of sources; Purposeful Reading: Reading & Note-taking for summarizing information	A quotation or paraphrase
7 Mar 28	Lesson 6: Plagiarism and References	Plagiarism Prevention Referencing conventions	Avoiding plagiarism
8 April 4	Lesson 7: Synthesizing sources	Descriptive vs. Analytical/Evaluative writing,	Identifying descriptive vs. evaluative writing
9 April 11	Lesson 8: Textual Development at the Lexical Level	Language use at the Lexical Level Eight ways of giving definitions Hedging	Rewrite sentences using noun-based phrases Identifying the hedging expressions
10 April 18	Lesson 9: Textual Development at the Syntactical Level	Sentence construction featuring “Eight Mores”. Cohesion in writing Achieving Conciseness	Achieving sentence variety
11	Lesson 10: Language Techniques at the	Logical Development Unity and coherence	Writing paragraphs

April 25	Discourse Level		
12	Labour Day Holiday		
13 May 9	Lesson 11: Analyzing a sample essay:	SPRE structure	Sample text analysis
14 May 16	Lesson 12: Data analysis	How to present and analyze data?	Incorporating data into your essay
15 May 23	Lesson 13: Writing Effective Introductions	General function of Introduction Structural Features of the Introduction	Writing practice
16 May 30	Lesson 14: Writing Effective Conclusions	Section of Conclusion	Writing practice
17 June 6	Lesson 15: Abstract	Different categories and General Structure of the Abstract General Writing Requirements 5A Strategy"	Writing practice
18	Final exam		