

ac·a·dem·ic¹

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adjective

- 1 [usually before noun] ^{TEACH} relating to education, especially at college or university level

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*He possessed no academic qualifications.
a program to raise academic standards*

- 2 [usually before noun] ^{STUDY} concerned with studying from books, as opposed to practical work:

the study of art as an academic discipline

- 3 ^{INTELLIGENT} good at studying

OPP

He's not very academic.

- 4 ^{REAL/NOT IMAGINARY} if a discussion about something is academic, it is a waste of time because the speakers cannot change the existing situation:

*The question of where we go on holiday is **purely academic** since we don't have any money.*

— **academically** /-kli/ adverb

COLLOCATIONSense 1

nouns

academic qualifications *He had the right experience and academic qualifications for the job.*

academic performance *Personal problems may affect a student's academic performance.*

academic achievements *Girls' academic achievements are at*

least as good as boys'.

academic standards (= levels that are considered to be acceptable) *The school has high academic standards.*

academic research (= study of a subject, in order to discover new facts or test new ideas) *Many academic research projects take years to complete.*

academic study *After academic study, you have to gain practical experience.*

an academic subject *Children who are not good at academic subjects may excel in music or sport.*

an academic discipline (= a subject that is studied at university) *the academic disciplines of linguistics, psychology and sociology*

an academic career *She wanted to pursue an academic career.*

the academic year (= the time within a period of 12 months when students are studying at a school or university) *Language students spend the third academic year abroad.*

the academic world (= the institutions, people etc involved in education) *In the academic world, the theory was received less approvingly.*

academic freedom (= the freedom to study what you want) *There is concern for the academic freedom of both staff and students.*

academic² AC

noun [countable]

a teacher in a college or university

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