

Academic Writing - BE3M04AWR/BE9M04AKP

Objective(s): This course is designed for students who have successfully met the B2 English requirement. It is a practical, writing-based course designed to introduce students to the style and format of academic writing in English and grant them the opportunity to practice writing a variety of academic style texts. Roughly one third of classroom time will be lecture, one third individual student work, and one third pair work/workshopping/feedback.

Materials: All materials will be available on Moodle

Requirements: Students are to...

- ...miss no more than 3 classes (15+ minutes of lateness qualifies as an absence)
- ...participate actively during class
- ...work independently on home assignments
- ...complete all assigned writing tasks
- ...submit a recommendation text at the end of the course.

Grading: 50% of your final grade will be based on your final assignment. The remaining 50% will be made up of attendance and classroom participation.

Week 1: Introduction to Academic Writing

- Vocabulary
- Grammar
- Style

Week 2: Argumentation

- Structure
- Elements of an argument

Week 3: Paragraphs

- Coherence
- Concision
- Relevance

Week 4: Paragraph Structures

- Basic patterns
- Linking language

Week 5: Writing Workshop: Descriptive Paragraphs

- Stance
- Data Commentary

Week 6: Writing Workshop: Drafting & Revising

- Role of the first draft
- How to proofread

- Week 7: Writing Workshop: Cause & Effect
- Structure
 - Cause & Effect Markers
- Week 8: Writing Workshop: Comparing and Contrasting
- Structure
 - Compare/contrast language
- Week 9: Writing Workshop: Summarizing
- How to condense
 - Choosing details
- Week 10: Final Project: Short Recommendation Text
- Format discussion
 - Writing time
- Week 11: Short Recommendation Text (Workshop Time)
- Week 12: Short Recommendation Text (Completion)
- Revision time
 - Text submission
- Week 13: Spare Week
- Week 14: Spare Week