

Academic Writing for Graduate Students

Syllabus

Course Overview

Course Meeting Times

Lectures: 2 sessions / week, 50minutes / session

Course Description

The purpose of this course is to develop your writing skills so that you can feel confident writing the term papers, reports, and thesis you will have to produce for this course at SMU. We will read and analyze samples of academic writing, do some work on abstract, outline, and concentrate on developing your ability to write clear, accurate, sophisticated, and accepted academic writing. We may also discuss the mechanical and vocabulary problems you may have trouble with.

Required Materials

1. 刘振聪, 修月祯编著, 英语学术论文写作 (21 世纪实用研究生英语系列教程), 中国人民大学出版社第二版。(Do not use an earlier edition.)

2. 丁往道、吴冰、钟美荪、郭木妻庆. 英语写作手册. 北京: 外语教学与研究出版社

3. Harlen Seyfer, 吴古华. 英语学术论文写作. 北京: 高等教育出版社

4. James Hartley, *Academic Writing and Publishing: A Practical Handbook*, London and New York: Routledge Taylor & Francis Group.

5. Swales, J. M., and Feak, C. B. *Academic Writing for Graduate Students*. Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press.

1. Course Packet

2. One heavy folder with an interior pocket-- your portfolio. Keep all written work (vocabulary and writing assignments) in this portfolio. I will review it each time I grade a paper, to gauge your progress.

Paper and Revisions

There will be four major papers.

If you receive a B- or lower on a paper, I will require a revision.

Grades Your grade will be based on

Essays: 40%

Completion of homework: 30%

Participation in class: 30%

Oral Component

This is a communications intensive course. As such, we will also work on developing your oral skills as well as your written skills. There will be:

Student-led, whole-class discussions of the reading assignments

Presentation of critical reviews

Small-group discussions

I expect you to participate actively--30% of your grade rests on this.