

Syllabus: “Academic Writing”

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(a) Inhalt und Ansatz | Content and Approach

- The course is designed to prepare students to think critically, organize ideas and structure them in cohesive and coherent academic texts. We'll analyse several sections of an academic text, including the summary, critical literature review, introduction, arguments and conclusion. We will also study the use of appropriate language for different academic scenarios.
- Students require at least an upper-advanced level of English in order to follow the lessons.
- Teaching methods are oriented towards student-centred learning and include activities such as lectures, group work, peer review, and consultations with the instructor.
- The course will be offered as an online session.
- Completion of assignments and regular attendance (at least 80% of all sessions) is required for exam admission.
- For the successful completion of the course, the student will be awarded 3 ECTS. Therefore, students should be prepared to spend considerable time working with the study content.
- It is recommended (though not obligatory) to attend this course alongside the “Academic Reading” course offered at the International School.
- Participants are required to register for the course via StudIP, where all teaching resources will be made available. If there are problems with the registration via StudIP please contact Dr. Fernanda Korovsky Moura via fernandakm@gmail.com.
- The students are expected to have their own copy of the following book to be used in the online classroom and for self-study:
 - *Academic Writing for Graduate Students*, John M. Swales and Christine B. Feak. Third edition. The University of Michigan, 2012.

(b) Qualifikationsziele | Learning Objectives

- This course is aimed at developing the writing skills for academic success.
- Students learn about and practice:
 - searching for and selecting credible sources for use in writing
 - incorporating information from sources by summarizing, paraphrasing, and quoting it in ways that avoid plagiarism
 - critical thinking
 - constructing an essay of a given style (e.g. argumentative, problem-solution) using the steps in process writing (outline/plan, draft, revision, final).

(c) Kursstruktur | Course Structure

- The course schedule is composed of two online sessions per week on Tuesday and Thursday from 21/05 to 02/07.
- The online access to the course will be made available via StudIP in the course profile.
- The course schedule is as follows:

o 21/05 14:00-16:30

Introduction to Academic Writing

Unit 1 in *Academic Writing for Graduate Students – An Approach to Academic Writing*

o 23/05 14:00-16:30

Unit 1 in *Academic Writing for Graduate Students – An Approach to Academic Writing*

o 28/05 14:00-16:30

Unit 2 in *Academic Writing for Graduate Students – General-Specific and Specific-General Texts*

o 30/05 14:00-16:30

Unit 2 in *Academic Writing for Graduate Students – General-Specific and Specific-General Texts*

o 04/06 14:00-16:30

Unit 3 in *Academic Writing for Graduate Students – Problem, Process, and Solution*

o 06/06 14:00-16:30

Unit 3 in *Academic Writing for Graduate Students – Problem, Process, and Solution*

o 11/06 14:00-16:30

Unit 5 in *Academic Writing for Graduate Students – Writing Summaries*

o 13/06 14:00-16:30

Unit 6 in *Academic Writing for Graduate Students – Writing Critiques*

o **18/06 14:00-16:30**

Unit 7 in *Academic Writing for Graduate Students* – Constructing a Research Paper I

o **20/06 14:00-16:30**

Unit 8 in *Academic Writing for Graduate Students* – Constructing a Research Paper II

o **27/06 14:00-16:30**

Unit 7 in *Academic Writing for Graduate Students* – Constructing a Research Paper II

o **02/07 14:00-16:30**

Final exam

(d) Kontakt | Contact

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(e) Studien- und Prüfungsleistungen | Course Assessment

- The final exam is a written exam of 120 minutes composed of two parts: writing and use of academic vocabulary.
- The exam will be held on 02.07.2024 from 14:00 to 16:30. The online access will be announced over StudIP.
- For the successful completion of the course, the student will be awarded 3 ECTS.