

Monday Group

Communicating in English: Academic Writing

During the fall term 2023 the Language Workshop will offer an online course in academic writing in English for international students. The course will focus on the basics of writing in an academic context.

Course aims: This course aims to provide students with basic skills of academic writing, including how to structure a text, how to use references, and how to provide constructive peer feedback. Another important aim of the course is to make visible the often implicit and opaque rules and expectations of academic culture, including academic integrity and critical thinking.

At the end of the course, students should be familiar with the characteristics of academic English and be able to produce a text in an independent and academically accepted manner. Students should also be able to provide feedback on fellow students' texts in a lucid and constructive manner, as well as incorporate received feedback when revising their own texts. In addition, students should demonstrate critical thinking skills and be able to handle references in an academically accepted manner.

Target group: This course is primarily intended for international master students who are so-called free movers, and for international PhD students. Students must be registered at Uppsala University in order to take the course. Exchange students may apply for the course but will be placed on a waiting list, and offered a place in the course if there are vacancies at the end of the registration period.

There are no language prerequisites (apart from those necessary to be admitted to the university).

Course literature: articles

Examination: Each student who fulfills the course requirements will receive a certificate. Please note that no academic credits will be given for this course.

Course format: This course consists of 7 meetings (1/every week or every other week (see schedule), in the evening, 90 mins). Attendance is mandatory and students must inform the teacher of any absence in advance. Students who miss more than two meetings will not be able to complete the course. The course meetings will take place online (via Zoom). Please note that whereas the Monday group will meet online, the Tuesday group will have all their meetings on campus at the English Park.

The first meeting will be on Monday, Sept. 11 at 6:15 p.m. (please see attached schedule).

The focus throughout the course will be on practical uses of English and students will be given practical advice on how to improve their English skills.

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Registration: In order to sign up for this course, send an email to the following address: johanna.mcelwee@nordiska.uu.se. Please note that participants are signed up on a first come first served basis and that the number of participants is limited. Also, students who take this course cannot take the course [Communicating in English: Speaking at University during the same term](#).

When signing up for a course, please submit the following information:

- Name of the course you want to sign up for.
- Your own full name.
- Your student email address (ending in @student.uu.se).
- Your personal identification number.
- Your main field of study and what degree you are studying for.
- Your native language(s).
- If you are an exchange student, a freemover, or a PhD student.
- If you would like to join the Monday group (online) or the Tuesday group (on campus).

Fee: There is no fee for this course, but students must be registered at other courses at Uppsala University in order to be eligible.

Teacher: Johanna McElwee, johanna.mcelwee@nordiska.uu.se

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Schedule for the Monday group

(for the schedule for the Tuesday group, see the other pdf on our website)

Meeting	Time and Place	Activity	To Prepare for Next Time
1	Time: Monday, Sept. 11, 6:15-8:00 p.m.	Course Introduction: Overview of course and introduction of participants. Lecture: What is academic writing?	Select an article that you would like to write a critical review about. Print the article and have it at hand during the meeting on Sept. 18 (Meeting 2).
2	Time: Monday, Sept. 18, 6:15-8:00 p.m.	Critical Thinking and Reading Strategies for Academic Texts: Overview of what critical thinking is and how to read academic texts critically.	
3	Time: Monday, Sept. 25, 6:15-8:00 p.m.	Guiding the Reader through Your Text: How create a clear structure for your text and how to write a summary.	Write a summary of your article and send it to Johanna no later than Oct. 2.
4	Time: Monday, Oct. 9, 6:15-8:00 p.m.	Writing an Introduction How to write a clear and inviting introduction to an academic text.	Write an introduction to your review and revise your summary. Send your text to Johanna no later than Oct. 16.

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5	Time: Monday, Oct. 23, 6:15-8:00 p.m.	Writing an Evaluation: How to evaluate and critically discuss academic texts.	Write the evaluation section of your review. Revise the introduction and the summary. Send your text to Johanna no later than Oct. 30.
6	Time: Monday, Nov. 6, 6:15-8:00 p.m.	Academic Integrity: How to use references in your own text and avoid plagiarism.	Incorporate at least two references into your review. Revise the rest of the text. Send your text to Johanna no later than Nov. 13.
7	Time: Monday, Nov. 20, 6:15-8:00 p.m.	Writing a Conclusion: How to conclude an academic text. Peer review session.	Write a conclusion to your review. Send your text to Johanna no later than Nov. 27.

Please note that all course meetings take place online, using Zoom. Use the following Zoom link: <https://uu-se.zoom.us/j/66592833876>

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