

d4909 Introduction to Academic Writing

Course introduction

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Learning outcomes

By the end of the course, you will be able to:

- recognise different genres and text types;
- use academic and technical vocabulary;
- read and analyse texts to make use of them in writing;
- write a critical evaluation of a journal article.



Session dates

| | Thursday |
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| 1 | 26 October |
| 2 | 9 November |
| 3 | 30 November |
| 4 | 7 December |

! Students must attend at least three sessions to complete the course



Syllabus

- 1. Course introduction; introduction to academic writing
- 2. Coherence and cohesion
- 3. Hedging, boosting and authorial presence
- 4. Summarising and citation



Learning materials

Links to all materials in the interactive syllabus

In-class (print or bring a laptop/tablet):

Individual worksheets, readings, language exercises etc.

At home:

Pre-reading/listening for next session



Credit requirements

- 1. Attendance (min. three sessions) and active participation
- 2. Text analysis (100-200 words)
- 3. Critical evaluation of a journal article (800-1000 words)

Deadline: 23:59, Monday 2 January



Plagiarism

'Za plagiátorství lze považovat úmyslné kopírování cizího textu a jeho vydávání za vlastní, nedbalé nebo nepřesné citování použité literatury, opomenutí citace (byť neúmyslné) některého využitého zdroje.'

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