

# Academic Writing Skills for Doctoral Students

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## Course Aims and Learning Outcomes

This course aims to help doctoral students in the humanities and the social sciences develop their academic writing skills. Coursework focuses on enabling participants to write more effectively and with greater confidence for an international readership. By the end of the course, participants will be able to better recognise the features of effective academic writing, to improve the accuracy and readability of their own writing, and to know how to proofread their own work.

## Course Contents

Coursework will cover the following areas:

- Fundamentals and general principles of academic writing
- Writing effective sentences, paragraphs as well as abstracts, introductions, or conclusions
- Ordering information, developing flow, readability
- Style, punctuation, and the use of tenses in scholarly writing
- Useful resources and self-study links

## Course Dates

Thursday, 7th October; 14.15-17.45

Friday, 15th October; 10.15-13.45

Thursday, 21st October; 14.15-17.45

Thursday, 4th November; 14.15-17.45

Thursday, 18th November; 14.15-17.45

Thursday, 2nd December; 14.15-17.45

Friday, 10th December; 10.15-13.45

**PLEASE NOTE:** The first five sessions are primarily for incoming graduates at the GS@IASH and other doctoral students of the Phil.-hist. Faculty who have not taken this course before. The final two sessions will be run as an open class. Last year's participants are more than welcome to join us to refresh their writing skills and submit a sample for in-session review.

## Entry Requirements

Incoming participants will be expected to complete a needs analysis (sent to you upon enrolment) before the first session, providing brief details on their academic background, experience of academic writing, reasons for taking the course, expectations, and learning objectives. Participants are encouraged to submit a work sample for in-session review.

**Mark Kyburz** holds a Ph.D. in English and further qualifications in adult education and solution-oriented coaching. He runs a specialist language consultancy offering bespoke services to a wide range of clients in the humanities, social sciences, and the arts and culture. For details, see [www.englishprojects.ch](http://www.englishprojects.ch).

## Enrolment

Please enrol by **20 September** with Sarah Beyeler, [sarah.beyeler@iash.unibe.ch](mailto:sarah.beyeler@iash.unibe.ch)