

Academic English Writing

Call for Participation

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Datum: 1. März bis 17. Mai (vgl. unten), jeweils mittwochs, 14:15-17:30 Uhr

Raum: Seminarraum 117, Hauptgebäude, Hochschulstrasse 4

ECTS: 2

Anmeldung: Bis spätestens 3. Februar 2017 an: toggweiler@wbkolleg.unibe.ch sowie über KSL: <https://www.ksl.unibe.ch/> (Login mit UniBe-Account, Suche mit Titel)

Content

This course aims to help students identify in what respects their writing needs improvement and to give them the opportunity to practice these aspects. To achieve these goals, we will identify and study a range of stylistic features, discuss matters of grammar and vocabulary, and practice writing diverse text types. Course participants will receive regular and individual feedback on their writing.

Schedule:

	Date	Focus	Further Topics	Homework
1	March 1	Practical academic genres: the CV and the cover letter	Introduction Sentence structure in English Formal writing	A cover letter <i>or</i> a CV
2	March 8	Project proposals The writing process	Planning and managing the writing process The sequence of writing The writing context Picking the right journal	A significance statement Finding model texts Maintaining a research diary for two weeks
3	March 22	Paragraph structure	Topic progression Cohesion Linking devices	A structured paragraph
4	April 5	Definitions	Article usage Relative clauses False friends	An extended definition
5	April 19	Literature review	Integrating sources Citation systems Reporting verbs	A literature review <i>or</i> a paragraph with integrated sources
6	May 3	Introductions Conclusions	Emphasis Hedging	An introduction <i>or</i> a conclusion
7	May 17	Titles Abstracts	Self-editing your text Punctuation	An abstract



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