

Course Outline for Academic Writing in Science and Engineering (SCI)

This course aims to help you write clear, grammatically accurate and well-organised academic English. A major focus of the course will be on the language used to express the main communicative functions used at all levels of academic discourse (eg defining, comparing, describing cause and effect). In addition, some sessions will cover certain common features of academic text (style, conventions, phraseological patterns). Examples of different types of text and the language used in them will be examined and discussed, and you will have a chance to practise a series of writing tasks, both individually, and, where possible, collaboratively, in groups.

Semester 1

09 October 2017

to

15 December 2017

	Week beginning	Session Focus/Activity
1	09 October 2017	Introduction to academic writing Academic style
2	16 October 2017	Paragraph development and cohesion
3	23 October 2017	Referring to the literature
4	30 October 2017	Identifying functions in academic writing
5	06 November 2017	Writing definitions
6	13 November 2017	Language of cause and effect
7	20 November 2017	Describing methods/experiments
8	27 November 2017	Introducing work
9	04 December 2017	Discussing data and results
10	11 December 2017	Writing workshop: synthesising materials

Semester 2

29 January 2018

to

23 March 2018

	Week beginning	Session Focus/Activity
1	29 January 2018	Paraphrasing
2	05 February 2018	Summarising
3	12 February 2018	Research issues: Describing your research
4	19 February 2018	Writing a dissertation: methods
5	26 February 2018	Writing a dissertation: introductions
6	05 March 2018	Writing a dissertation: literature reviews
7	12 March 2018	presenting results
8	19 March 2018	results section