

## Course Outline for Academic Writing (Faculty of Humanities)

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 texts (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

	<b>Week beginning</b>	<b>Session Focus/Activity</b>
1	09 October 2017	Introduction to the course /The process of Extended Writing /Identifying language functions in academic text
2	16 October 2017	Academic style
3	23 October 2017	Organising information / Cohesion and coherence 1
4	30 October 2017	Paraphrasing and summarising
5	06 November 2017	Reporting the literature
6	13 November 2017	Introducing and concluding
7	20 November 2017	Writing definitions
8	27 November 2017	Describing cause and effect
9	04 December 2017	Paraphrasing and summarising 2 /Coherence and cohesion 2
10	11 December 2017	Writing about the past

**Semester 2**

**29 January 2018**

**to**

**23 March 2018**

	<b>Week beginning</b>	<b>Session Focus/Activity</b>
1	29 January 2018	Being critical
2	05 February 2018	Argumentation
3	12 February 2018	Writing a dissertation: introducing research
4	19 February 2018	Writing a dissertation: reviewing the literature
5	26 February 2018	Writing a dissertation: describing methods
6	05 March 2018	Writing a dissertation: reporting results
7	12 March 2018	Writing a dissertation: describing non-verbal data
8	20 March 2017	Writing a dissertation: discussion and conclusion