

BTP2BR_T_49 Academic Writing workshop

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This workshop-style course provides an intensive introduction to academic writing and research communication across disciplines. Students will develop the core skills required to produce high-quality scholarly work, including refining research questions, engaging critically with literature, structuring arguments, and preparing for publication. Through workshops, peer review sessions, and iterative writing tasks, participants will build the necessary skill for professional academic writing.

Main Themes to Be Discussed

1. **Developing and Refining Research Questions:**
Ensuring research questions are focused, significant, and aligned with the field.
2. **Engagement with Literature:**
Performing critical literature reviews and identifying gaps.
3. **Argumentation:**
Constructing logical, evidence-based arguments and addressing counterarguments.
4. **Clarity and Style:**
Writing with precision and adapting tone for specific audiences.
5. **Citation and Ethical Writing:**
Proper attribution, managing sources, and avoiding plagiarism.
6. **Structuring Work:**
Effective organization at the sentence, paragraph, and chapter levels.
7. **The Writing Process:**
Drafting, revising, and editing for polished academic work.

Basic Writing Tasks for PhD Students

1. **Drafting Research Proposals:**
Develop concise proposals with clear objectives and methodology.
2. **Writing Literature Reviews:**
Summarize, synthesize, and critique existing research.
3. **Formulating Thesis Statements:**
Create compelling, focused thesis statements for papers and dissertations.
4. **Engaging with Sources:**
Practice close reading and integration of primary and secondary sources.
5. **Peer Review:**
Review and provide constructive feedback on peers' work.
6. **Abstract Writing:**
Draft and revise abstracts for conference presentations and journal submissions.
7. **Outlining:**
Develop outlines for articles, dissertation chapters, and book reviews.
8. **Editing for Style and Grammar:**
Focus on sentence structure, grammar, and stylistic consistency.

9. Oral Presentation of Written Work:

Practice transforming written arguments into effective presentations.

10. Publishing Preparation:

Learn to identify suitable journals and tailor submissions to their requirements.