

BASIC & INTRODUCTION TO ACADEMIC WRITING

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COURSE SYLLABUS

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Days/Times Tuesdays & Thursdays, 10:00 – 11:50
Zoom Info TBA

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This 5-week course is designed for CNU graduate students new to academic writing. This course aims to introduce students to academic writing and prepare them for the expectations of college-level writing. Throughout the course, students will develop fundamental skills in academic writing, including but not limited to

- understanding academic genres,
- forming grammatically-correct sentences
- constructing effective paragraphs,
- developing a thesis statement, and
- editing their work.

Overall, this course will provide students with a strong foundation in academic writing, enabling them to write effectively and confidently in their academic and professional pursuits.

COURSE MATERIALS

The instructor will provide all materials and handouts for each class via Zoom chat or by email. A Kakao group should be made to facilitate communication. Also the ability to submit files in *doc*, *docx*, or *pdf* formats will be required (MS Office alternatives will be offered).

ATTENDANCE POLICY

To pass this course, students need to attend the minimum of 80% of total class hours (more than 16 out of 20). If you know you are going to absent (i.e. official school event or business trip) please let me know ahead of time to set up a mutually beneficial circumstance so you can still complete the course.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE (SUBSEQUENT TO TAILORED NEEDS ASSESSMENT)

- Week 1 Introduction to Academic Writing
- Overview of academic writing
 - Introductions & Ice Breaker
 - Characteristics of academic writing
 - Developing a writing plan
- Week 2 Sentence Structure
- Learning about types of sentences
 - Using conjunctions
 - Review of simple and continuous tenses
 - Review of using articles
- Week 3 Paragraph Structure
- Constructing effective paragraphs
 - Topic sentences and supporting details
 - Using transitions to connect ideas
 - Paragraph cohesion and coherence
- Week 4 Thesis Statement
- Understanding the purpose of a thesis statement
 - Developing a strong thesis statement
 - Organizing your ideas around your thesis statement
 - Recognizing the importance of the thesis statement in academic writing
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- Week 5 Editing and Revising
- Reviewing and revising your writing
 - Common grammatical errors
 - Tips for effective editing
 - Finalizing your written work