



English Speaking and Writing Skills in an Academic Context (Upper-intermediate)

Target group

This course is designed for doctoral candidates of all faculties who wish to improve their speaking and writing skills in English in a relaxed and supportive environment. To benefit a wide range of doctoral candidates, it will not be possible to focus on one particular field of studies.

Contents

- Key features of academic writing
- Academic style
- Academic vocabulary
- The writing process
- Essay writing
- Writing abstracts
- Diagram / Chart / Data analysis
- Punctuation and signposting
- Avoiding plagiarism
- Pronunciation

In addition to the topics above, we will also look at examples of your writing related to topics such as CVs, applications and sections of dissertations (not too long) and provide individualized feedback.

All areas of communication will play a central role in the course. It is important to come prepared to participate each session and to make positive contributions to the class. There will be plenty of opportunities to practice speaking when discussing and providing feedback on each other's work.

Methods

Peer review; in-class discussions; presentations of work

Course material

Relevant texts and learning material will be provided in class.

Please note: The required proficiency level for this course is B2 (upper-intermediate) and a short placement test will be conducted in the first week to ensure all participants share this level.

The course will consist of a diverse mixture of doctoral candidates both culturally and in their own language abilities. We all have different strengths and weaknesses and it is best to keep an open mind and remember that we can all learn something from each other.

Trainer	Anna Luisa Alecu
Workload	18 h
Dates	Tue, 18.10.2016, 18:30h - 20:00h, weekly
Registration	Please register via the campus management portal HISinOne .
Location	Peterhof, R 2
Number of Participants	15 Docs
Initial Level	B2