Academic Writing

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Year/Term:	Year 1
Course type:	Core course
ECTS:	2

Background and overall aim: The aim of this course is to help you develop as a writer within the English-speaking academic community by raising awareness of, practicing, and reflecting upon the conventions of written texts. The course focused on academic and policy writing in English.

During the course, students will:

- Become familiar with the genres of writing and enhance the skills related to research-based and policy writing;
- Improve their ability to effectively use discourse patterns of academic English;
- Have the opportunity to develop their writing process through generating ideas, drafting, peer evaluation, and individual writing consultations;
- Learn to take into consideration expectations of their readership with regard to discourse; conventions in different communities
- Learn to incorporate work of other authors into their own writing within the requirements of English academic practice.

Learning outcomes:

By the end of this course, you should be able to:

- identify the purposes, typical components and features of various genres in your field;
- structure a policy brief, an op-ed, a research paper, the thesis proposal and the thesis at the macro and micro level;
- think and write more clearly and incisively;
- draw on a variety of skills and approaches when writing different papers;
- write for various audiences, adapting your writing to the expectations of these audiences;
- properly incorporate the work of other authors into your own writing, and understand the CEU Policy on Student Plagiarism;
- edit and refine your own written work.