

Academic Writing

“A good style must first be clear” – Aristotle, The Art of Rhetoric

Unlike spoken English where correct spelling and grammar are of secondary importance, the written word reveals everything. In academic writing, in particular, aspects such as fluency, precise wording and clarity are becoming increasingly important. In order to communicate on this complex and sophisticated level, a vocabulary and writing style is required that is more elaborate than the one used when writing an SMS or an e-mail.

Objective

In this workshop, the participants learn to express their thoughts more clearly in writing using a wide range of language tools and a more versatile vocabulary. They work systematically to improve their grammatical weaknesses and to develop their essay-composing skills, with regards to style, expression and coherence. Based on a systematic, practice-oriented approach, we "analyze" essays, reports and other scientific text forms by breaking them down into their individual components, optimizing the writing competence of each participant.

Content of the Workshop

- Recognizing essential characteristics of different types of text
- Feedback and help with individual questions and difficulties
- Focusing on essays: form, style, core statements / key phrases
- Basics of spelling and grammar
- Using stylistic devices such as inversion, connecting words, etc.
- Creating text blocks and templates

Target Group

Students (Bachelor's or Master's degree courses) or PhD students who wish to improve their academic writing style in the English language

Required English Language Skills

CEF level B2 or above

We offer a short online test to ascertain the respective language level of the participants. This is helpful but not a must.

Number of Participants

Up to 10 participants

Duration

1 - 2 days

