

In the Name of God

Academic writing (MA Program, Fall 2023)

Venue: Room 126, Faculty of Persian Literature and Foreign Languages, Semnan University (Iran)

Meeting time: Tuesdays: 3-5 pm

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Description

This course mainly aims to promote your capacity for using academic English in writing. To this end, it goes beyond writing grammatically well-formed sentences, which you have already mastered at your BA, and presents key rhetorical moves, essential skills, and useful linguistic resources and strategies. Moreover, several practical workshop sessions are organized to empower you by fostering your autonomy in academic writing.

Course requirements

1. Careful reading of the assigned materials BEFORE each session
2. Active participation in *both* class and workshop sessions
3. Punctuality: Students who are absent in more than THREE sessions (or, in rare cases, 4 sessions) will be automatically dropped from the course.

Grading policy

Active participation in class and workshop sessions: 20 %

Oral presentations and workshops: 15 %

Term project: 15 %

Final examination: 50 %

Weekly schedule

Week 1: Introduction to the course (Fang, 2021: Chapter 1)

Weeks 2-3: Linguistic features of academic writing (Fang, 2021: Chapter 2)

Weeks 4-5: Skills and strategies for academic writing (Fang, 2021: Chapters 3 & 4)

Weeks 6-7: Practical workshop (No. 1) to examine several research papers based on what you learned in weeks 1-5

Week 8: Practical workshop (No. 2) on how to find the most suitable, relevant sources in Scopus and Web of Science

Week 9: How to write an informative and comprehensive literature review (Fang, 2021: Chapter 7)

Week 10: Different sections of a typical empirical research paper and their key moves and steps (Fang, 2021, Chapter 9)

Week 11: Writing for scholarly publication (Fang, 2021, Chapter 12)

Weeks 12-14: Practical workshop (No. 3) for analyzing and writing different sections of a research paper

Week 15: An overview of some useful APA 7 guidelines (Key sources for this week will be introduced in due time.)

Week 16: Final examination

Reference

Fang, Z. (2021). *Demystifying academic writing: Genres, moves, skills, and strategies*. Routledge.