

# Academic Writing

## The aim of the course

The aim is to equip students with essential skills needed for academic writing. In order to achieve it, a general structure of scientific text will be presented and discussed. Student will acquire writing skills through practical exercises with specific parts of the scientific text. Moreover, some useful academic technologies such as bibliography managers and analytical software supporting academic writing will be introduced. The final assignment will be based on the individual's research problem presented accordingly.

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1. Academic Writing vs. Other Types of Writing
  - a. Criteria for academic writing in social sciences
  - b. Editorial suggestions
2. Things to be done before writing
  - a. Research problem
  - b. Research questions
  - c. Hypotheses
  - d. Research methods
3. How to Write an Introduction?
  - a. Structure
  - b. Research questions
  - c. Examples
4. How to write literature review?
  - a. Structure
  - b. Examples
5. Writing about Methods and Methodology
  - a. Review of qualitative and quantitative methods
  - b. Structure
6. Writing about Results?
  - a. How to report results
  - b. Structure
7. How to Write the Discussion?
  - a. Why do we need discussion?
  - b. Theory is needed

8. How to Write an Abstract?

- a. Aim
- b. Structure
- c. Examples

9. Cover letter

- a. Aim
- b. Structure

10. Answer to reviews

- a. Structure
- b. Examples

**Links:**

Nature Guide for Authors: <https://www.nature.com/nature/for-authors>

Wiley Step by step guide to reviewing a manuscript:

<https://authorservices.wiley.com/Reviewers/journal-reviewers/how-to-perform-a-peer-review/step-by-step-guide-to-reviewing-a-manuscript.html>

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