

AEnglish Academic Writing

Subject : M0008 Introductory Writing Course in English/ 英文ライティング

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Place: A-Building, 1st floor, Room-112, Chikushi Campus

Credit: 2

Schedule: Tuesday, 4th period (from 14:50 – 16:10)

Course Description:

This course intends to improve writing skills of students who will write their own research articles to submit to academic journals and conferences.

In this course, students will develop the technical writing skills they need to construct research articles in engineering. They will learn about considerations in academic / technical writing and consider two basic types of texts used in academic / technical writing. Students will also look at software tools and corpora (collections of language samples) that can assist them in the writing of research papers. Students will create their own corpus of research papers in their respective fields and will use it throughout the course.

Students will write some parts of a research paper in their field of specialization (introduction, methodology and a part of result/discussion section). For each part of the research paper, students will first analyze the sample texts in their corpus. This will help students to understand which elements are unique to individual disciplines. They will apply what they have learned in their own writing.

Course objectives:

In this course, students will learn to:

- Use text analysis tools to identify differences in the audience, purpose, structure, style, and presentation of technical texts in different fields;
- Identify the structure of technical research papers in specialist fields;
- Write general-specific and problem-solution texts;
- Write the title, abstract, introduction, materials/methods, results, discussion/conclusion sections of a research paper in a specialist field;
- Write simple and extended definitions;
- Explain methods and processes;
- Explain information in figures and tables;
- Know how to strengthen or weaken the interpretation of research findings through hedging;
- Understand the importance of references, citations, and avoidance of plagiarism;
- Follow common conventions for citing and referencing information in a research article.

Course Policies:

Attendance and Student Participation

Students are expected to attend each class, and actively participate in group and class discussions. Students will also be required to complete all homework exercises and writing assignments in a timely manner.

- Please **mute** or **deactivate mobile phones** before class and keep them silent for the duration.

- Use of mobile devices during class is acceptable **if a task or activity requiring them is planned**. Otherwise, let's keep our phones muted or off during class.

Assignments

Improving writing skills requires a lot of writing practice. The course is designed to give students opportunities to complete various writing tasks, such as exercises from the textbook, short writing assignments and three main writing tasks (introduction, methods and a part of a result and discussion section).

Evaluation

Exercises -	10%
Short writing assignments	30%
3 main writing tasks	60% (20% each)

Required Course Text:

Swales, J.M & Feak, C. B. (2012). Academic Writing for Graduate Students: Essential Tasks and Skills (3rd ed.). USA, Ann Arbor: University of Michigan.

Application to this course:

We will accept up to 15 students for this class to keep the teaching quality.

If you want to participate in this class, please send e-mail to igsesinquiry@ga.kyushu-u.ac.jp until **October 4** with below information.

- Your name, student ID, department, grade (M1, M2, D1, D2, D3)
- Your experience/ future possibility to write academic papers in English
- Your English score (TOIEC, TOEFL, IELTS, etc)
- Your motivation

Course Schedule

Week 1	October 8
Week 2	October 15
Week 3	October 24
Week 4	October 29
Week 5	November 5
Week 6	November 12
Week 7	November 19
Week 8	December 3
Week 9	December 10
Week 10	December 17
Week 11	December 24
Week 12	January 7
Week 13	January 21
Week 14	January 28
Week 15	February 4