



Academic Writing

Instructors: Lorraine Mannion

Time: Thursday, June 21, 2018: **10:00 – 17:00**

Friday, June 22, 2018: **10:00 – 17:00**

Place: Feldkirchenstr. 21, BAGSS seminar room FG1/00.06

Registration: Please send a mail to Julian Hohner (julian.hohner@uni-bamberg.de) to register.

Registration Deadline: **Friday, June 01, 2018 – Maximum of 12 participants**

Description

In this workshop, participants will become familiar with various aspects of clarity which are essential for producing logical, reader-friendly prose. As well as examining the various stages in the writing process, we will focus on the structure of abstracts and, using examples of “best practice” articles, closely look at how a professional research paper or thesis should be written. In doing so, participants will enrich their academic lexical repertoire and be able to identify common errors which frequently arise in academic texts. Participants are strongly advised to take along excerpts of personally written articles for discussion and analysis. An abstract of approx. 200 words (if available) or a short excerpt (one page) from your current research-in-progress can be sent to the course coordinator a week before the seminar. It will be corrected and returned during the seminar.

Topics

- planning and organizing a research paper or thesis
- writing effective introductions
- developing ideas and coherent arguments
- paragraph structure
- punctuation
- academic vocabulary and register

Aims

- To improve the structure of academic papers and theses to ensure coherence and unity
- To develop a writing style that mediates between clear academic register and scholarly argumentation
- To master the art of writing a convincing, eye-catching abstract
- To put distance between yourself and your writing so you can look at it critically
- To make the writing process an enjoyable process as opposed to a daunting task

DAY 1

- 10.00 - 10.15 Introduction/Briefing
- 10.15 - 11.30 Grammar Review
- 11.30 - 11.45 Break
- 11.45 - 12.30 Writing Exercise (Introductory Paragraph)
- 12.30 - 13.30 Lunch Break
- 13.30 - 16.00 Comparing the Abstract and the Introduction
- 16.00 - 17.00 Punctuation

DAY 2

- 10.00 - 11.00 Correction of Assignments
- 11.00 - 11.30 Punctuation Review, Use of the hyphen and dashes
- 11.30 - 11.45 Break
- 11.45 - 12.30 Common Errors in Academic Papers
- 12.30 - 13.30 Lunch Break
- 13.30 - 14.30 Sentence Structure; Smooth Transitions
- 14.30 - 15.30 Paragraphing
- 15.30 - 16.45 Concluding a Paper or a Thesis
- 16.45 - 17.00 Evaluation

About the Instructor

Lorraine Mannion is from Ireland and studied "Interpreting and Translating French/German/Italian" at the University of Ulster, Northern Ireland and the University of East Anglia, England. She also studied English Philology, North American Studies and Philosophy at the Free University Berlin as part of a Magister Artium degree. She has been working as an adjunct lecturer in English at various universities in Berlin since 2000 and regularly holds seminars throughout Germany on Academic Writing, Intercultural Communication, and Presenting Skills. She is a certified translator/interpreter for the Berlin notaries and courts and also has extensive experience working as a trainer and translator with various research institutes throughout Germany. For more information: www.lorrainemannion.de