
Title of the course

- **230605 Critical writing skills for academic research**

Organizing center/area leading the course

Deusto International Research School (DIRS) – PhD program in Leisure, Culture and Communication for Human Development

Training category

AF7. Methodology and research techniques

Professor/Coordinator of the training course

Coordinator: [María J. Pando-Canteli](#)

Professors: María J. Pando-Canteli and Pilar Rodríguez

Priority group

Third-year PhD students

Competences

In this course you will be guided through the process of developing the skills to write more clearly and concisely and to advance in the process of becoming an academic writer. This course facilitates self-reflection by introducing you to a variety of tools that can be used to evaluate your own writing. You will put theory into practice by submitting your own short texts to the two professors, who will analyze your writing samples and provide you with individual feedback. This will enable you to develop an understanding of potential errors and become competent at editing your own work.

CB13- Capacidad para contribuir a la ampliación de las fronteras del conocimiento a través de una investigación original.

CB14- Capacidad de realizar un análisis crítico/de evaluación y síntesis de ideas nuevas y complejas.

CA02- Encontrar las preguntas claves que hay que responder para resolver un problema complejo.

CA03- Diseñar, crear, desarrollar y emprender proyectos novedosos e innovadores en su ámbito de conocimiento.

Pre-requisites / prior knowledge

Being enrolled in the third year of a PhD program

Contents

1st Session, Monday, November 27: María J. Pando-Canteli

Presentation. Writing critically about previous research

2nd Session, Tuesday, November 28: Pilar Rodriguez
Structuring your text. Punctuation. Cohesion and transitions

3rd Session, Thursday, November 30: Both professors
Evaluation of written academic texts provided by students

Level of the course

Advanced

Methodology

The sessions will employ these sections:

- Experiential context and reflective observation: The students will have an introduction and questions to guide the experience.
- Conceptualization: Lectures and materials will be provided to understand how to advance on academic writing
- Experimentation: The students will be able to test what they have learned through their written work
- Evaluation: Feedback and debate will be the most important components to test the progress

Language of instruction

English

Mode of instruction

In-class and virtual attendance

Number of places

Only PhD students

Assessment

Attendance requirements (2/3 of the hours)

Number of hours

10 hours

Bilbao Campus

- Month when the course begins: November 2023
- Dates: November 27, 28 and 30
- Time: 15:00-18:00 (2 sessions) + 15:00-19:00 (1 session)

Date	Hours	Course contents	Language	Professors
Monday, November 27 (3h)	15:00-18:00	Presentation. Writing critically about previous research	English	Dr. María J. Pando-C.
Tuesday, November 28 (3h)	15:00-18:00	Structuring your text. Punctuation. Cohesion and transitions	English	Dr. Pilar Rodríguez
Thursday, November 30 (4 h)	15:00-19:00	Evaluation of students' academic writing	English	Dr. María J. Pando-Canteli and Dr. Pilar Rodríguez