
Title of the course

- **230023 Introduction to Academic Writing: Basic Skills**

Organizing center/area leading the course

Deusto International Research School (DIRS)

Training category

Methodology and research techniques

Professor/Coordinator of the training course

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Priority group

First and Second Year PhD Candidates

Competences: Definition of objectives based on competences.

- To develop the specific skills related to writing in academia. (Writing Skills)
- To establish the main criteria that should guide the process of writing a PhD dissertation. (Orientation to Quality)
- To reflect on the kind of (academic) discourse used in the writing of the dissertation. (Critical and Reflective Thinking)

Pre-requisites / prior knowledge

B2/C1 level of English.

Contents

- Planning: Entering an academic conversation and establishing your topic and range.
- Structure: Learning to structure your academic writing: Sections and paragraphing.
- Language: Acquiring the right vocabulary, discourse, and register.
- Using sources: Gathering your data: Desk-top research and field work.
- Punctuation and referencing. Using stylesheets.
- Signposting: Learning to use the language of argument and rhetorical techniques.
- Developing your critical skills: Writing against the grain.
- Learning to include other sources in your writing.

Level of the course

Introductory

Methodology

- Offering practical examples and detecting strengths and weaknesses.
- Encouraging students to produce their own texts and working documents.
- Revising the students' work and trying to improve it.

Language of instruction

English

Mode of instruction

In-class and virtual attendance

Number of places

PhD students: **10** (this is just a suggestion; it will also depend on whether they are in the classroom or following the course virtually)

Personnel: No

Assessment

- Attendance and active participation in class sessions.
- Short exercise (drafting or summary writing) on some of the materials covered.

Number of hours

6 hours (three two-hour sessions, if possible).

Bilbao Campus

- Academic year 23-24:
- January 2024
- Dates:
 - Tuesday, 9 January 2024 (15:30-17:30)
 - Wednesday, 10 January 2024 (15:30-17:30)
 - Thursday, 11 January 2024 (15:30-17:30)
- Time: (15:30-17:30)