

Subject Code	ENGL2003
Subject Title	English for Advanced Academic Writing
Credit Value	3
Level	2
Pre-requisite / Co-requisite/ Exclusion	Nil
Objectives	<p>This is one of the core English proficiency subject which explicitly focuses on developing students' academic writing skills. Students taking this subject will already have followed the subjects <i>English for Effective Communication</i>, <i>English for Academic Communication</i>, and will have an advanced level in listening, speaking, reading and writing, in both academic and business contexts. This subject will elevate students to an advanced level in academic writing.</p> <p>The subject aims to develop students' advanced literacy skills and a critical understanding of the nature and function of academic discourse in the context of research reports. Students will learn to construct texts that deal with supporting or conflicting points of views on issues of academic and research interest.</p>
Intended Learning Outcomes	<p>Upon completion of the subject, students will be able to:</p> <p>Category A: Professional/academic knowledge and skills</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. analyze academic composition processes; b. understand different models and genres of academic writing; c. utilize techniques of drafting and revising; d. attend to textual organization, style, correctness, and visual layout according to the needs of different academic contexts; e. formulate research problems and questions; f. select, organize and present research ideas and arguments in a logical and effective manner; g. write academic research papers with appropriate means of argumentation; h. produce academic texts with appropriate linguistic and discursal sophistication. <p>Category B: Attributes for all-roundedness</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. derive enjoyment and self-satisfaction through the self-study of English; j. display critical and creative thinking; and

	k. pursue life-long learning for personal and professional development.												
Subject Synopsis/ Indicative Syllabus	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Critical academic reading skills 2. Knowledge and information search 3. Writing with sources 4. Abstracting, paraphrasing, summarizing and referencing 5. Drafting and revising 6. Academic discourse structure and organization 7. Argument development processes 8. Academic language: vocabulary choice, tense and sentence structure 9. Academic language: tone and style 												
Teaching/ Learning Methodology	<p>The teaching and learning approach is task-based, student-centered, interactive, and reflective. There is a balance of individual effort and cooperative inter-dependent learning. Academic texts and professional reports in visual and print forms, major local and overseas social/political/economic issues, as well as audio-visual aids of diverse interests will be used to stimulate thinking and discussions.</p>												
Assessment Methods in Alignment with Intended Learning Outcomes													
	Specific Assessment methods/ tasks	% weigh-ting	Intended subject learning outcomes to be assessed										
			a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	i	j	k
	1. Writing Task 1	30%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓
	2. Writing Task 2	50%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
3. Attendance and participation	20%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	
Total	100%												
<p>The main purpose of the assessed tasks is to measure students' understanding of the course and their ability to apply what they have learned to produce academic research papers on topics of academic and research interest. The syllabus writer wants to ensure that assessment is <i>for</i> learning as well as <i>of</i> learning. The assessment tasks reflect this philosophy in the way they meet ILOs:</p> <p>The first writing task is an outline of an academic essay (which they have narrowed down with teacher guidance from the broad area provided). This gives students a chance to apply the reading and research skills (e.g., selecting credible sources) covered at that stage of the course.</p>													

	<p>The second task asks them to expand the outline into a full academic essay of 1,500–1,800 words. This gives students the opportunity to demonstrate their mastery of academic writing techniques while completing a finished text.</p> <p>For the attendance and participation grade, students will be marked on their attendance and their active engagement in classroom tasks and discussion. Some of the larger tasks will be formally integrated into the participation grade, for example, a peer feedback activity where students are asked to review and offer constructive comments on a classmate’s writing task 1 submission. Other tasks that could be integrated into the participation grade include contributing to Blackboard discussion forums and performing short, in-class writing activities.</p>	
Student Study Effort Expected	Class contact:	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Seminars 	39 Hrs.
	Other student study effort:	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Private study 	58 Hrs.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Take-home assignments 	29 Hrs.
	Total student study effort	126 Hrs.
Reading List and References	<p>Reading List</p> <p>Bell, J. (2005). <i>Doing Your Research Project: A Guide for First-Time Researchers in Education, Health and Social Science</i> (4th Ed.). Philadelphia: Open University Press.</p> <p>Cooper, S. (2004). <i>Writing Logically, Thinking Critically</i> (4th edition). New York: Pearson/Longman.</p> <p>Hahn, L. & Dickerson, W. (1999). <i>Speechcraft Workbook for Academic Discourse</i>. Ann Arbor, MI: The University of Michigan Press.</p> <p>Harmon, C. (2000). <i>Using the Internet, Online Services, and CD-ROMs for Writing Research and Term Papers</i> (2nd edition). New York; London: Neal-Schuman.</p> <p>McIlroy, D. (2003). <i>Studying @ University: How To Be a Successful Student</i>. London & Thousand Oaks, CA: SAGE.</p> <p>Merrigan, G. (2004). <i>Communication Research Methods</i>. Belmont, CA: Wadsworth/Thomson Learning.</p> <p>Mitchell, S. & Andrews, R. (Eds.) (2000). <i>Learning to Argue in Higher Education</i>. Portsmouth, NH: Boynton/Cook: Heinemann.</p>	

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