

Writing better, faster scientific papers in English: A structured method for non-native English speakers (advanced)

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Description

Day 1: Organizing the paper writing process

- Strategy
- Tools
- Resources

Day 2: Outlining and writing the paper

- IMRaD structure and variations
- Outlining
- Paragraphing in English

Day 3: Editing and submitting

- Restructuring the outline for the target journal
- Macro and micro editing
- Responding to reviewers

Objectives

Learn the strategies and master the tools (including AI tools for translation and writing) to structure your paper-writing process from beginning to end. Depending on your starting point, you will produce a first or second draft of a manuscript and receive individualized help and critique.

Prerequisite

To take this course, you *must* have completed data collection and most of your analysis and be ready to write (or have started writing) your paper draft. The course is also appropriate for writers whose papers have been rejected and must be resubmitted to another journal.

(If you have taken the basic course, you can request permission to skip some morning lectures and spend more time writing.)

Dates

13 – 17 October 2025

Eligibility

Open to PhD students of the SSPH+ Inter-university Graduate Campus; other students and external participants are welcome to apply for limited spaces.

Course Structure

Three morning lectures on Zoom. Afternoon at-home exercises and co-writing workshop sessions (instructor available to answer questions via email or chat), with take home assignments between classes. Individual Zoom meetings with instructors by appointment if requested on 15 and 17 October.

- Contact days: 13/14/16 October 2025
- Individual writing: 15/17 October 2025

Assessment

Graded exercises, individual evaluation of paper drafts.

Credits

2 ECTS

Contact: 9 h lecture, 1 h one-to-one meetings, 12 h in-class exercises; groupwork and homework: 32-38 h

(1 ECTS corresponds to appr. 25-30 hours workload)

Location

Lectures and exercises will be conducted over Zoom

Course Fees

	2 ECTS
SSPH+IGC Students	30 CHF
Postdocs from SSPH+ partner institutes	30 CHF
External PhD students and MD students	600 CHF
Others	1'600 CHF

Registration

<https://www.conftool.com/ssph-phd-courses2025/>

Deadline for registration

13 September 2025