# 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

## Objectives
Students will learn strategies and master tools (including AI tools for translation and writing) that will help them structure their paper-writing process from beginning to end.

Students will produce a first or second draft of a paper manuscript (depending on their starting point).

## Prerequisite
Students in this course *must* have completed data collection and most of their analysis and be ready to write (or have started writing) their paper draft. The course is also appropriate for those whose papers have been rejected and must be resubmitted to another journal.
The content of the morning lectures will be a refresher for those who have already taken the Basic course. But the focus of the course is very different, since in this class you will write your own papers and receive individual coaching.

**Dates**

**21 / 24 October 2024**

**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**

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 needed.

**Assessment**

Weekly graded exercises, evaluation of paper drafts

**Credits**

2 ECTS

Contact: 9 h lecture, 9 h exercises, homework: 32-38 h

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

**Location**

Lectures and exercises will be conducted over Zoom

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**Registration**

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**Registration date**

21 September 2024