Basics of scientific writing in English: A structured method for organizing and writing better, faster papers

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Description

This 2-day course, comprising Zoom lectures interspersed with exercises, is designed for students who will need to write scientific papers in English, but *who are not yet ready to produce a specific paper*. (If you are already writing a paper, the advanced version of this course.)

The six modules of this course introduce students to all the methods and tools required to write a research paper in English, including discussions of new AI tools. The course will help students painlessly integrate writing into their scientific processes, so papers will be close to completion by the time their final analysis of data is complete. The only prerequisite is a B2 or higher level of English.

Objectives

Students will learn to:

1. Write while they do their research, to more efficiently produce papers.
2. Use reporting guidelines (qualitative or quantitative) to produce high-quality papers.
3. Outline efficiently in English.
4. Write proper English paragraphs, without wasted effort, and learn when to integrate AI tools into their workflow.
5. Write compelling and well-organized Introductions and Discussions.
6. Create effective figures and tables
7. Manage co-authors to ensure that the collaboration process runs smoothly and on time.

**Dates**

**11/14 March 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**

2 full course days of lectures and exercises (7 hours each), and homework exercises.

**Assessment**

Graded exercises. The instructor will review each exercise and write summaries for the whole group, providing feedback and suggesting resources to address each area of confusion or weakness.

**Credits**

2 ECTS

Contact: 14 h, homework: 36-40 h

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

**Location**

Workshops will be conducted over Zoom

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**Registration**

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**Registration date**

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