

Faculty: Faculty of Foreign Languages

Study program: Bachelor in English Language

Course Title: Advanced Writing Skills

Course Credits: 10

Language of Instruction: English

Course Description and goals:

Stylistics: This course provides the students with information and guidelines about writing effectively. The lectures deal with topics such as: mechanics, the choice of words, figures of speech and their use, the sentence as a rhetorical unit, theme writing, tone and audience, and the four forms of discourse. The seminars involve the students in a lot of practice which is based on exercises or short essay writing. At the end of the course, the student should be able to use the right style when writing on a topic, adopt the appropriate tone, and use those skills that make a piece of writing a good one for the target audience.

Academic Writing: This course is a sequel to previous courses on the process of writing, aiming at introducing students to the basics of research. The course focuses on topics such as: selecting a topic, looking for sources, writing the bibliography, citing sources in MLA style and so on. In the seminars, students are expected to analyse their sources, do peer review, write an elaborate outline of main ideas, the literature review and finally do a presentation on their paper.

Course Requirements: For both modules, lectures are optional, but students are required to attend at least 75% of the classes. Students are expected to actively participate in classes, do written assignments, and take a final exam.

Grading: Active participation, assignments, midterms: 40 points, final exam: 60 points

Course Schedule: Stylistics: 1 lecture, 2 seminars/week (1 semester =15 weeks)
Academic Writing: 1 lecture, 3 seminars /week (1 semester =15 weeks)