

## Course Description

**Faculty: Foreign Languages**

**Study program: Bachelor in English Language**

**Course Title: Basics of Writing**

**Course Credits: 6**

**Language of Instruction: English**

**Course Description:** Students acquire knowledge about the writing and structure of the paragraph and an introduction to the writing and structure of the essay. The aim of this course is to increase students' agency as writers by acquiring both the theoretical knowledge and practical skills necessary to produce texts for the interdisciplinary academic discourses. More specifically, students will have an opportunity to practice critical reading and writing through summarizing, analyzing, evaluating and synthesizing ideas. Students will also learn how to engage with scholarly sources effectively and incorporate them into their own texts. The main focus will be the argumentative essay as the building block of most genres of academic writing.

**Course Goals:** Upon completion of this course, students will be able to:

- Write strong well-structured paragraphs and essays
- Effectively summarize and analyze various texts while identifying and highlighting their main ideas and messages
- Successfully incorporate research to develop their own writing and create a balance between their own voice and source summaries
- Effectively deal with counter arguments in order to present a more compelling argument
- Practice the revision skills necessary for the accomplishment of a writing project
- Constructively critique their own and peers' writing, with an awareness of the collaborative and social aspects of the writing process

**Course Requirements:** • **Attendance: 75% Class attendance is required**

- **Class Participation discussions: 15% Providing written feedback to peers, contributing to class discussion, contributing to class workshops by timely preparation.**
- **Written Assignments: 45%**
- **Written test(s): 40 %**

**Grading:** 4-10 system of grading (where 5 is the lowest passing grade and 10 is the highest grade)

4= 0-44 points  
5= 45-54 points  
6= 55-64 points  
7= 65-74 points

8= 75-84 points  
9= 85-94 points  
10=95-100 points  
Home/Class assignments      10 points

Test 1	30 points	<b>Total</b>	<b>100 points</b>
Test 2	30 points		
Test 3	30 points		

**Course Schedule:** 1 lecture and 3 seminar classes/week for 15 weeks (1 semester) = 60 classes (total)