Zentrum für Qualitätssicherung und -entwicklung

JOHANNES GUTENBERG UNIVERSITÄT MAINZ

The General Postgraduate Program: Courses 2025/2

A 3-2 Academic Writing in English (2 CP)

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Course Description

Nowadays, success in science involves publishing articles in international journals in English. The English you learned at school is not sufficient; you need to master the formal English required for scientific texts. The objective of this online workshop is to improve your ability to produce clear, precise and readable academic texts. During the two-day workshop you will work on a piece of scientific writing you have written and will receive individual correction and feedback from the instructor per email after the workshop.

Target Audience, Number of Participants

Doctoral candidates of Mainz University from the **Humanities/ Social Sciences** with a language-proficiency level minimum C1 (CEFR).
Maximum number of participants: 10 persons

Day, Time

Thursday, August 7th, 9:00-10:30 + 11:00-12:30 p.m. and Thursday, August 14th, 2025, 9:00-10:30 a.m. + 11:00-12:30 p.m., via BigBlueButton

Topics

- Conventions and features of academic writing
- Improving coherence and flow
- Avoiding common lexical and grammatical errors
- Editing and improving your drafts
- Punctuation, remedial grammar
- Useful phrases

Learning Results

- Participants will leave the workshop with a “toolbox” for scientific/academic writing, a phrasebank of useful expressions and an edited/proofread text.

Technology and preparation

The workshop will be carried out using BigBlueButton. You will need a camera/microphone and a good Internet connection. You will be required to do preparation work (reading) and to bring along a text you have written, which you will edit/improve during the workshop. The text must be approx. 1 A4 page long and should still be in an unpolished state, i.e. not yet proofread/ edited by colleagues.

Application Details

To apply please use OpenOLAT.
In order to be able to apply for the courses, doctoral candidates need to be registered with the GPP.

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