



ENGLISH FOR ACADEMIC WRITING

WINTER SCHOOL

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University of Bologna – Forlì Campus

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Writing in English is becoming more and more important both for studying at universities abroad and for pursuing an academic career, and international publications are generally considered to be more prestigious. This course is therefore designed for postgraduate students (Master's or PhD) and researchers who want to learn the conventions of academic writing in English in order to write better research articles (RAs). Adhering to accepted conventions is of paramount importance for prospective academics, as in order to increase the chances your research work will be published and taken seriously, it must meet your readers' expectations.

COURSE FOCUS

During the course you will focus on the structure and characteristics of each section of the RA in turn, as identified by research. You will learn how to write coherently and cohesively by deepening your knowledge of how to order and structure your sentences, paragraphs and sections, as well as how to consider and engage your reader, in particular via 'metadiscourse'. You will focus on lexical formality and frequency, and learn how words appear together in 'collocations' or in longer lexical sequences. You will learn how careful selection of lexis and rhetorical devices can enable you to express criticisms constructively and without causing offence, how to describe your methods, and how to report and discuss your results. Time will also be dedicated to resolving typical problems with discourse, grammar and lexis, as well as to practice exercises, and there will be the opportunity to dialogue with the course leaders. Most importantly however, you will discover the tools to continue improving and to work autonomously long after the completion of the course.



COURSE TOPICS	THE PARTICIPANTS WILL BE ABLE TO...
What is academic writing?	Examine and identify the conventions of register and genre specific to academic writing.
The structure of a scientific article	Plan, structure and write the content of a RA according to IMRAD (Introduction, Methodology, Results and Discussion).
Research Article Introductions	Describe how their research addresses a gap in existing knowledge, using appropriate language for the purpose.
Literature Reviews and Citation Style	Write a literature review from published sources, select appropriate lexis depending on the degree of agreement or criticism of cited material, use the right language to follow politeness conventions and to establish knowledgeability in their field.
Using computers to search online corpora	Be familiar with the concept of lexical frequency and be able to access and conduct searches on various corpora, for the purpose of independent research into language appropriacy.
Writing about your scientific method	Write a method section, while respecting the appropriate conventions.
Reporting and discussing results, and drawing conclusions	Write a results and discussion section, including reporting data presented in Tables and Figures, and use conventional language for discussing results and drawing conclusions.
Paragraph Writing	Construct cohesive and coherent paragraphs that meet reader's expectations and contain the following elements: topic sentences, theme & rheme, and progression from 'general to specific'.
Discourse and Punctuation	Use commas, colons and semi-colons correctly, and become more aware of the differences in preferred sentence/period structure between English and other languages.
Metadiscourse	Consider, engage and involve the reader via the use of prefabricated lexical 'chunks' and according to their function within a text (hedges, boosters, transitions etc).
Publishing & Editing a scientific article	Avoid typical mistakes in academic writing, and adhere to a given stylesheet.
Responding to reviewers	Write formal emails from a bank of semi-fixed formulaic phrases.

PROFESSORS

Andrew John Cresswell, University of Bologna

Andy Cresswell has taught English Language and Linguistics in further and higher education in the UK and Italy. He has taught English for Academic Purposes since 1989, and it was also the subject of his Ph.D thesis. He has studied Sociology, English Literature, Education and Applied Linguistics at university level. He is currently an adjunct professor of English Language at the Department of Interpreting and Translation of the University of Bologna.



Màiri Joanne Anderson, University of Bologna

Màiri J. Anderson has been teaching English as a foreign language since 2001, first in Spain then in Italy. She teaches courses for undergraduates, postgraduates, researchers and lecturers, and habitually designs and develops classroom teaching materials as well as materials for blended learning. She is currently involved in the experimental phase of designing and teaching two English as a Medium of Instruction (EMI) courses: Academic Speaking for Lecturers and Academic Writing for Lecturers.



Antonio Maturo, University of Bologna

Antonio Maturo is Associate Professor at the University of Bologna and Visiting Professor at Brown University. He is the editor of the journal *Salute e Società (Health and Society)*. He is also the chair of the PhD Program in Sociology and Social Research. He recently published *Digital Health and the Gamification of Life*, Emerald, 2018 (with Veronica Moretti).





PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Application

The School is addressed to postgraduate students (Master's or PhD) and researchers. Applications must be sent by **16th December 2019**. Information on how to apply can be found in the call for applications available at the following link:

<https://www.unibo.it/en/teaching/summer-and-winter-schools/2019/english-for-academic-writing-winter-school>

Fees

The fee required is 470 Euros, to be paid in a single instalment at the time of registration.

Accommodation

Travel, accommodation and meals are not included in the fee. The campus is located in the centre of Forlì, where you can find many hotels, cafes and restaurants.

How to arrive

Air

Bologna Airport is 80 km away and Rimini Airport is 60 km away. Forlì is well connected to Bologna and Rimini city centres with trains leaving every 30 minutes.

Train

The campus is a pleasant 20-minute walk from Forlì railway station or 10 minutes by bus. Forlì is well connected by train to both the North and the South of Italy, with direct trains from cities like Milano, Piacenza, Bologna, Ancona, Lecce. Timetables can be found at the following link: www.trenitalia.com

Car

If you travel by car, you can take the exit to Forlì on the A14 motorway.

INFO AND CONTACTS

Venue:

Lessons will be held at University of Bologna – Forlì Campus
Via Giacomo della Torre, 1 – 47121 Forlì (FC)

For any further questions, please contact the organisers at marta.gibin2@unibo.it or 0039 333 9707311.

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