

## Academic Writing for Science and Engineering – 24 hours

### Obiettivi Formativi:

The course aims to extend students' knowledge of grammatical, lexical and textual features of written academic English in a scientific context and to provide tools to enable students to resolve language questions independently. An active approach is used, with students writing texts related to their academic work and then correcting them individually and as a group.

### Prerequisiti:

Students should already have a B2 level of English. As the course deals with a restricted version of English, i.e. academic English, the course can also be successfully taken by students with a good B1 level of English and experience with academic English. Most of the course content is at C1 level.

### Contenuti del corso:

- Becoming an academic writer
- Writing a biodata statement
- Writing an abstract
- Writing about others' work
- Writing an article introduction
- Text analysis - article conclusions
- Typical errors in writing emails
- Avoiding plagiarism
- Effective use of theme and stress positions in a sentence
- Effective sentences: action, agency and separations
- Writing concisely
- Appropriate academic register
- Hedging and boosting
- Ways of adding emphasis
- Tools for resolving language questions
- Referring to figures and tables
- Use of articles
- Position of adverbs
- Principal use of tenses in academic writing
- Participle clauses
- Noun phrases – choosing between compound nouns, gerunds, 'the – of', genitive structures
- Relative clauses and reduced relative clauses
- Dependent prepositions
- Pronouns: it vs this, use of one/ones
- Negative inversion
- Use of the subjunctive
- Effective punctuation
- Constructing a self-editing checklist
- Giving feedback to peers
- Language issues arising from students' writing

### Metodo didattico:

Lessons consisting of a mixture of teacher explanation, practice exercises, and class/group discussion of students' own writing.

Modalità di verifica dell'apprendimento:

Students are required to complete 4 short written texts, and to revise them to a publishable standard. Texts are evaluated at C1 level. A minimum of 60% is required on the total score for coursework. A minimum of 75% attendance is required.

Testi di riferimento:

Altri informazioni: