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Doctoral program

Anglès especialitzat IV – 2017/2018 I

Language of instruction: English.

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Dates:

- September 27 from 17 to 21
- October 25 from 17 to 21
- December 13 from 17 to 21

General description

The main aim of this course is to help participants improve their productive (speaking and writing) skills in English when interacting in (either immediate or differed) academic contexts, particularly as regards writing and presenting scientific papers and PhD and/or other research-related documents.

While actively engaging in common (pair and group) activities aimed at enhancing general communicative competence in English, particular attention will be paid to participants' specific needs concerning language use (i.e: grammar, vocabulary and/or others).

Evaluation

In order to successfully meet the requirements set for the course, the following items are applicable. The corresponding percentage of the overall grade is given in brackets:

- Regular attendance and participation (10%)
- Written and oral assignments (10%)
- Final oral presentation (30%)
- Written project (Scientific paper; 50%)



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Contents

SESSION 1

- Essay purpose and instructions
 - Understand what academic writing is
 - Understand the purpose of essays
- Reader expectation and essay structure
 - Plan your essay guide
 - Understand paragraph structure and how to connect paragraphs
- Essay content and language
 - Define key terms and concepts
 - Use organizational patterns and visuals
 - Understand the language of conclusions
- Formality, efficiency, modesty and clarity
 - Understand formality in register and style
 - Understand efficiency in register and style
 - Understand modesty in register and style
 - Understand clarity in register and style

SESSION 2

- Accuracy
 - Improve accuracy
 - Choose the correct tense
 - Focus on subject-verb agreement
 - Use punctuation correctly
 - Use articles correctly
 - Become aware of common errors
- Research and analysis
 - Develop research skills
 - Identify suitable sources
 - Develop note-making skills
 - Decide on level of detail and what is relevant
 - Develop critical thinking skills
- Reading comprehension
 - Enhance reading comprehension
 - Analyse sentence structure
 - Analyse noun phrases
 - Identify structural and argumentational signposts
- Authority
 - Develop a clear point of view
 - State your opinion
 - Use 'I', 'we' and other personal pronouns appropriately
 - Evaluate the strength of your own arguments

SESSION 3



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Integrity

- Acknowledge the ideas of others
- Know when to cite
- Know whether to quote or paraphrase
- Use citing and referencing techniques
- Understand plagiarism better
- Avoid plagiarism

Paraphrasing

- Use a technique to paraphrase accurately
- Use paraphrase to show opinion
- Integrate paraphrases grammatically
- Use paraphrases to summarize

Essay process and presentation

The stages in the essay writing process

Time management

Presentation

Other types of academic writings

Conclusions