

Helping Graduate Students Write Better English: Academic Writing in the Language Centre at Humboldt University

1) Courses

For those who have the time, a course is still the best way to improve your English writing skills. For more detail, see http://anmeldung.sprachenzentrum.hu-berlin.de/sprachen/S/sprache0_87.html.

- 91 021 English for Science Graduate Students and Researchers: Writing and Presenting Your Research (C1)
- 91 022 English for Graduate Students: Strategies for Presenting and Writing (C1)
- 91 023 English for Graduate Students: Writing for Research (C1)
- 91 024 English for Graduate Students: Presenting Research in Your Discipline (C1)
- 91 061 English for Academic Purposes: Writing Essays and Critical Reviews (C2)

2) Workshops

For those with less time, we offer four workshops. For details concerning dates, times and rooms, see the Sprachenzentrum website http://anmeldung.sprachenzentrum.hu-berlin.de/sprachen/S/sprache0_85.html in due course.

- 91087 Writing the Introduction (and the Abstract) to Research Papers in the Humanities
- 91088 Writing the Introduction (and the Abstract) to Research Papers in the Natural Sciences
- 91089 Defining the Standards of Good Writing in your Discipline
- 91090 Writing the Literature Review

3) Tutoring Service in Academic Writing

We offer writers from across disciplines and skill levels the opportunity to work one-on-one with consultants trained in writing pedagogy. Writing Center sessions strive to address writers' stated needs while attending to relevant disciplinary, rhetorical, grammatical, and stylistic concerns. Consultants provide feedback and advice that promote writers' abilities to communicate successfully. Experience has shown that this service is especially useful for graduate students writing research articles in English. For more information, see http://anmeldung.sprachenzentrum.hu-berlin.de/sprachen/S/sprache0_80.html.

4) Humboldt University English Academic Writing Lab

For those who simply want to work on their own, we have an Online Writing Lab (OWL) for English academic writing. If you are looking for information on how to write your academic article - for example, on the structure of an article in your discipline, on citation formats, on the expectations of the readers, on what is considered good style in your field - then the OWL is for you. Here we have put together a virtual library with answers to the questions above and much more. The Writing Lab is an open access Moodle "course". You can find it at <http://moodle.hu-berlin.de/course/view.php?id=1860>