Faculty common course 2019

Course title:

Writing Scientific English for ESL (English second language) Learners

Omnattning (högskolepoäng) 3

Higher education credits

Undervisningsspråk English

Language of instruction

Rekommenderade förkunskaper

Recommended prerequisites

This course is recommended for PhD students who are currently writing a paper or thesis.

Kursens syfte och mål

General course objective/s and learning outcomes

Objective: Scientific papers, written in English, are an essential part of the research process. However, many scientists do not have English as their first language. This course teaches the IMRAD structure of a scientific journal article. It also teaches and gives practice in writing skills, especially from the viewpoint of non-native English speakers.

After the course, the student will be able to recognize:

• the essential elements for each part of a scientific journal article
• what constitutes good paragraph and sentence structure in English
• what referees do; what the role of the editor is

Kursinnehåll

Course contents

Content:

• Introduction to IMRAD, the structure of a scientific journal article
• Different types of titles; analysis of abstracts
• The main language problems in English and how to avoid them
• What makes a text easy (or not) to read?
• Hedge words and connector words: uses and abuses
• Results and conclusions: not the same thing
• The editorial and referee process
• Individual tutorials

Undervisning (kursens uppläggnings)

Instruction (course structure)

The course is heavily writing based. Writing exercises are done in class and throughout the eight weeks of the course. Feedback is given up to three times on
every exercise and each student receives personalized feedback in a tutorial session with an instructor.

**Examination**
Assessment (form of examination)
Obligatory attendance and satisfactory completion of the ten writing assignments.

**Huvudansvarig institution**
Dept. of Cell- and Molecular Biology (ICM)
Department with main responsibility

**Kontaktperson/er (namn, e-postadress)**
Contact person (name, e-mail address)
Terese Bergfors, terese.bergfors@icm.uu.se

**Kurs datum/period** Feb-Mar 2019, Tuesday afternoons
Course dates/period

**Antal platser** 12-14 persons
Maximum number of participants

**Anmälan om antagning till kursen ska skickas till**
Application for admission to the course is to be sent to
Terese Bergfors, terese.bergfors@icm.uu.se

The applicant should apply by email, explaining in 150 words or fewer what they need from a scientific writing course.

**Skicka anmälan senast**
Submit application not later than
15 December 2018

**Målgrupp/er (om möjligt, specifiera ämnen/inriktningar)**
Target group/s (specify, if possible, subject/specialization)
The course is open to Ph.D. students from any department in the TekNat Faculty and for whom English is not their native language. The writing exercises have been chosen so that they are equally relevant to students in engineering, medicine, physics, chemistry, geology, or biology.