

Faculty common course 2021

English course title: Writing Scientific English for ESL Learners (English second language)

Swedish course title: Vetenskapligt skrivande med engelska som andraspråk

Extent (credits): 3

Language of instruction: English

Recommended prerequisites: PhD students who are currently writing a paper or thesis

Learning outcomes of the course: After the course, the student will be able to recognize:

1. the essential elements to include in each part of a scientific journal article
2. what constitutes good paragraph and sentence structure in English
3. the roles of editors and referees

Specify which learning outcomes of the doctoral degree that are address/covered (see appendix 1 of the call or the template of ISP). Describe how:

Scientific papers, written in English, are an essential part of research. The PhD degree requires several manuscripts and a thesis. However, many PhD students do not have English as their first language. This course teaches the structural elements of journal articles and the thesis. It practices writing skills, especially from the viewpoint of non-native English speakers.

Course contents:

- IMRAD, the most common (but not the only) structure for scientific journal articles: what to include and how
- What makes a text easy to read? Improving readability
- Hedgewords and connector words: what they are and how to use them
- Writing titles and abstracts that capture the target audience
- Results and conclusions: not the same thing
- The editorial and referee processes
- Individual writing tutorials

Instruction (course structure): 7 workshops (2 hours each) and 1 private tutorial over 8 weeks

Assessment (form of examination): completion of the ten writing assignments

Course examiner (name, e-mail): terese.bergfors@icm.uu.se

Department with main responsibility: Dept Cell and Molecular Biology (ICM)

Contact person/s (course responsible teacher) (name, e-mail):
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Course dates/period: Feb-Mar 2021

Maximum number of participants: 12 - 16 (depending on corona recommendations)

Submit the application for admission to: terese.bergfors@icm.uu.se

Submit the application not later than: 31 Dec 2020