

University of Trieste English Workshop Series: Academic Writing and Letters of Motivation

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Dates: Wed April 3, 12:00 – 15:00 and Thu April 4, 15:00 – 18:00

Tue 2.04	Wed 3.04	Thu 4.04	Fri 5.04
	Workshop I Academic Writing		
	Part I 12:00 – 13:15		
	Getting started writing your abstract, reviewing style and paragraphing		
	On genre, register, academic conventions		
	<i>break 13:15 – 13:30</i>		
	Part II 13:30 – 15:00		
	English for Specific Purposes; Vocabulary in the Humanities and Social Sciences		
	Longer writing tasks; introductions, methods, results and data commentary		
		Workshop II Letters of Motivation	
		Part I 15:00 – 16:15	
		Letter samples; student input and reasons for writing	
		The language of correspondence; vocabulary, positive formulations, adjectives and adverbs	
		<i>break 16:15 – 16:30</i>	
		Part II 16:30 – 18:00	
		Style practice; register and fixed phrases	
		Word order, salutations and closings	

In this hands-on workshop, students will improve their language skills by reviewing the conventions of academic writing for purposes such as essays, research papers, and correspondence. The workshop is designed for students engaging with qualitative or quantitative research, planning to study abroad, or seeking general support with academic writing. Skills of production, organization and composition will be practiced and authentic texts will be analyzed.