
* **Course Title:** Essay Writing

* **Course No.:**102216 -108216

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* **Course Description:**

An essay can have many purposes, but the basic structure is the same no matter what. You may be writing an essay to argue for a particular point of view or to explain the steps necessary to complete a task. The main goal of this course is to teach the students types of essays, and how to write good essays

* **Objectives:**

The course covers the main features of good essays and how to improve writing an essay.

* **General Outcome:**

The students would be able to identify the main types of essays and to improve their own writing skills.

Main Textbooks:

Alice S. Mayer, *Effective Academic Writing*², New York: Oxford University press, 2005.

Supporting books & periodicals:

Gerald J. Alred et al, *The Professional Writer*, New York: St Martin's Press, 1992.

Robert Allen, *Punctuation*, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2002.

Charles T. Brusaw et al, *Handbook of Technical Writing*, Fifth Edition, New York: St. Martin's Press, 1997.

Phyllis Creme and Mary R. Lea, *Writing at University: a guide for students*, Buckingham: Open University Press, 1997.

Jane Dorner, *The Internet : A Writer's Guide*, London: A & C Black, 2000.

| Week | Dates | Ch. & PP. | Remarks |
|---------|---------------|-------------------------------|---------|
| First | 18-22/10/2015 | Introduction for the course | |
| Second | 25-29/10/2015 | Types of Essays | |
| Third | 1-5/11/2015 | The structure of an essay | |
| Fourth | 8-12/11/2015 | Outlining an essay | |
| Fifth | 15-19/11/2015 | | First |
| Sixth | From 22/11/ | | |
| Seventh | To | | Exam |
| Eighth | 6/12/2015 | Introductions and conclusions | |
| Ninth | 13-17/12/2015 | Unity and coherence | |
| Tenth | 20-24/12/2015 | Essays for Examination | |

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| Eleventh | From 27/12 | Analysis of an essay | |
| Twelfth | To | | Second Exam |
| Thirteenth | 10/1/2016 | | |
| Fourteenth | 17-21/1/2016 | sample essay: brainstorming | |
| Fifteenth | 24-28/1/2016 | summing up | |
| Sixteen | From 31/1/2016 To 11/2/2016 | Final Exam | |
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*** Assessment instruments**

1. Short reports and / or presentation, and / or short research projects.
2. First and second exams
3. Attendance and participations
4. Final exam

| Grade Distribution | |
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| Assessment instruments | Marks |
| First examination | 25 |
| Second Examination | 25 |
| Participation | 10 |
| Final examination | 40 |
| Total | 100 |