

Faculty of Medicine in Rijeka

**Curriculum
2023/2024**

For course

Academic Writing

Study program:	Medical Studies in English (R) (elective) University integrated undergraduate and graduate study
Department:	Department of Humanities and Social Sciences in Medicine
Course coordinator:	izv. prof. dr. sc. Pupovac Vanja, prof.
Year of study:	1
ECTS:	1.5
Incentive ECTS:	0 (0.00%)
Foreign language:	Possibility of teaching in a foreign language

Course information:

The aim of the course is to acquaint students with the basic features of academic reading and writing and thereby make it easier for them to plan and produce academic work (essay, report, seminar paper, etc.) and enable communication in the academic community.

After completing the course, students will be able to:

- recognize and understand the stages in the writing process
- distinguish questions for description, analysis, and evaluation when reading a text critically
- form a text in which one's own position is presented
- argue one's position (support with explanations and evidence)
- recognize and form effective paragraphs and sentences
- use a citation style specific to the medical sciences
- constructively criticize other people's work

List of assigned reading:

1. Strunk W, White E. B. The Elements of Style. Longman: Boston: Allyn and Bacon; 2009. (freely available at URL: <http://www.gutenberg.org/ebooks/37134>)
2. Zinsser W. On Writing Well: The Classic Guide to Writing Nonfiction. New York, NY: Harper Perennial; 2006.
3. Mimi Zeiger. Essentials to Writing Biomedical Research Papers. McGraw Hill Professional; 1999.

List of optional reading:

1. <https://www.aacc.org/science-and-research/clinical-chemistry/clinical-chemistry%C2%A0guide-to-scientific-writing>
2. <https://www.phrasebank.manchester.ac.uk/>

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Seminars list (with titles and explanation):

Seminari AP

Topic	Task	Rok
1.	What is academic writing?	Quiz: References and citations
2.	Structure of the academic paper	Forum activity: Analysis of the article assessment
3.	Arguments and argumentative writing	Quiz: Identifying arguments
4.	Structure of the paragraph	Forum activity: Compose your argument a coherent paragraph
5.	Academic style	No task

Student obligations:

Students are required to create a seminar paper (critical presentation) and critically comment on at least 3 seminar papers of other students. The critical review will be written in several stages, which are described in more detail in the table below.

Exam (exam taking, description of the written/oral/practical part of the exam, point distribution, grading criteria):

Regular and active participation in classes.

Other notes (related to the course) important for students:

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COURSE HOURS 2023/2024

Academic Writing

Seminars (Place and time or group)
30.10.2023
Seminari AP: • ONLINE (17:00 - 20:45) [420] ◦ AW
izv. prof. dr. sc. Pupovac Vanja, prof. [420]
06.11.2023
Seminari AP: • ONLINE (17:00 - 20:45) [420] ◦ AW
izv. prof. dr. sc. Pupovac Vanja, prof. [420]
14.11.2023
Seminari AP: • ONLINE (17:00 - 20:45) [420] ◦ AW
izv. prof. dr. sc. Pupovac Vanja, prof. [420]
21.11.2023
Seminari AP: • ONLINE (17:00 - 20:45) [420] ◦ AW
izv. prof. dr. sc. Pupovac Vanja, prof. [420]
28.11.2023
Seminari AP: • ONLINE (17:00 - 20:45) [420] ◦ AW
izv. prof. dr. sc. Pupovac Vanja, prof. [420]

List of lectures, seminars and practicals:

SEMINARS (TOPIC)	Number of hours	Location
Seminari AP	25	ONLINE

EXAM DATES (final exam):
