

Faculty of Medicine in Rijeka

**Curriculum
2024/2025**

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/>

Curriculum:

Seminars list (with titles and explanation):

Aim purpose and definition of academic communication

Characteristics of academic writing

Referencing and citing

Structure of an academic paper

Logical organization of content

Structure of a paragraph

Academic style

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 2024/2025

Academic Writing

Seminars (Place and time or group)
18.10.2024
Aim purpose and definition of academic communication: • ONLINE (17:00 - 20:00) [420] ◦ AW Characteristics of academic writing: • ONLINE (17:00 - 20:00) [420] ◦ AW Referencing and citing: • ONLINE (17:00 - 20:00) [420] ◦ AW
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23.10.2024
Logical organization of content: • ONLINE (17:00 - 20:00) [420] ◦ AW
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24.10.2024
Structure of an academic paper: • ONLINE (17:00 - 20:00) [420] ◦ AW
izv. prof. dr. sc. Pupovac Vanja, prof. [420]
08.11.2024
Structure of a paragraph: • ONLINE (17:00 - 20:00) [420] ◦ AW
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13.11.2024
Academic style: • ONLINE (17:00 - 20:00) [420] ◦ AW
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List of lectures, seminars and practicals:

SEMINARS (TOPIC)	Number of hours	Location
Aim purpose and definition of academic communication	2	ONLINE
Characteristics of academic writing	1	ONLINE
Referencing and citing	2	ONLINE
Structure of an academic paper	5	ONLINE
Logical organization of content	5	ONLINE
Structure of a paragraph	5	ONLINE
Academic style	5	ONLINE

EXAM DATES (final exam):
