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English 677: Graduate Writing in the Disciplines

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Course Format: 100% online asynchronous

WHO IS THIS COURSE FOR?

Graduate students in coursework or writing theses/dissertations who are interested in better understanding:

- How to make use of their current writing habits for their disciplinary writing
- How to revise their work for different genres, such as seminar papers, dissertation chapters, conference presentations, and journal articles
- How to work with differences in language and style in their professional writing

WHAT WILL STUDENTS DO?

Students will:

- Review their own and professional academic writing and reading practices
- Identify their field’s common forms and processes of writing
- Read and critique the professional writing of their peers in different fields
- Draft and revise different genres of their work for different audiences
- Draft and revise a “review of literature” on an issue of concern in their field.
- Use relevant scholarship about professional academic writing to improve their writing
- Participate in a community of writers and readers sharing their work

WHAT CAN STUDENTS EXPECT FROM THIS COURSE?

By the end of the course, students should feel more confident

- navigating different forms and practices of writing in their chosen field
- editing and revising their writing for specific genres and audiences
- responding effectively to differences in language and style in their writing and reading

This course is intended for students with a variety of language backgrounds, including multilingual and English monolingual students. Part of the course will explore how to meet the challenges and possibilities that language differences pose for our professional academic writing. These include challenges and possibilities of using English as a less familiar language and of using scholarship in other languages for writing in English.