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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 want to improve their ability to produce professional academic writing. We will focus on

- The forms and processes of professional writing in your discipline
- How to make use of your current writing habits for your disciplinary writing
- How to revise your 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 your professional writing

WHAT WILL STUDENTS DO?

You will:

- Identify your field’s common forms and processes of writing
- Read and critique the professional writing of your peers in different fields
- Revise your work for different audiences
- Draft and revise a CV, a conference proposal, and a review of literature on an issue of concern in your field.
- Use relevant scholarship about professional academic writing to improve your writing
- Participate in a community of writers and readers sharing your work

WHAT CAN YOU EXPECT FROM THIS COURSE?

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

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

This course welcomes 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.