

Workshop

Train-the-Trainer: Academic Writing in English

Organizational details

Instructor: Dr Fabienne Quennet

Dates: March 3, 2017 from 9.00 - 17.00 Uhr

March 10, 2017 from 9.30 - 17.30 Uhr

Location: „Alte Universitätsbibliothek“, room 4, Bismarckstr. 37, 35390 Giessen

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Objectives

In this two-day workshop, you will learn how to teach the standards of academic writing in English, assess, give feedback and generally improve your students' writing abilities. After having attended the two days, you will be equipped with new methods and a toolkit approach to teaching writing: from scaffolding activities – building on existing knowledge - to teaching subject specific conventions. You will become familiar with a variety of strategies that help you in your content teaching as well as in supervising your students writing in English, thereby enabling your students to produce well-written academic texts. The focus will be on practical methods and exercises that your students will benefit from and guide them to an improvement of their writing skills. Individual questions you may have can be addressed in single coaching sessions, if needed.

Content & methods

Content:

- reflecting on English as a language of academic discourse and 'language and learning'
- identifying the kinds of language needed and existing knowledge of and uses of language
- practical methods/tasks/scaffolding activities to improve students' writing skills
- analyzing and practicing feedback strategies
- strengthening students' motivation for writing
- producing a toolkit with practical activities, a glossary, feedback forms

Methods:

In this workshop, more theoretical in-put phases will alternate with hands-on activities and interactive tasks which will give the participants the chance to practice different teaching methods such as scaffolding activities, individual and peer-review strategies task. There will be ample time to work individually on a toolkit for one's supervision/class/seminar/tutorial, or to work on it as a group for a specific discipline or study program.

Target group & course language

Post-graduates, doctoral candidates and post-doctoral candidates who supervise students, teach or will soon teach within Higher Education; any disciplines are welcome.

Please note: Level of English B2 and higher is required.

Course language: English

Registration

Please register **until February 27, 2017** via e-mail at info@ggs.uni-giessen.de.