

## MODULE DESCRIPTOR

<b>MODULE TITLE</b>	ACADEMIC WRITING		
<b>MODULE CODE</b>	EF1498 (L4)	<b>CREDIT VALUE</b>	20 UK CREDITS / 10 ECTS
<b>SCHOOL</b>	SCHOOL OF SCIENCES		

### MODULE AIMS

The aim of this module is to raise students' awareness of academic writing skills in the UK at Higher Education level and give them the necessary tools to be able to plan, draft and write a coherent and well researched academic essay. The main focus will be on the structure of the academic essay, and particularly on the structure of the argumentative essay. Special emphasis will be placed on teaching students to find, use and acknowledge sources (books, journal articles, and others), as well as on effective paraphrasing and summarizing skills, in order to help them produce original essays and avoid plagiarism. The module also aims to help students develop their presentation skills.

### MODULE CONTENT

#### Indicative syllabus content:

The module will teach students about the following aspects:

- Various conventions of academic writing genres
- Academic essay writing techniques
- Essay structure and planning
- Effective use of academic language
- Referencing and correct acknowledgement of sources
- Research methods
- Presentation skills

### INTENDED LEARNING OUTCOMES

#### On successful completion of this module a student will be able to:

1. Plan, draft and write an effective academic essay based on a clear and precise understanding of the essay question.
2. Interpret and respond to an essay question effectively, accounting for genre and academic conventions.
3. Effectively employ accepted grammatical and lexical features of academic writing.
4. Correctly cite academic sources and avoid plagiarism.
5. Develop oral presentation skills.

### TEACHING METHODS

The combination of Direct Contact Hours and Independent Learning Hours will ensure that students have access to a wide range of learning and teaching resources, both inside and outside the classroom. Students will work individually and in pairs/groups so as to cover all the skills needed for writing within an academic context.

The employability skills that the course develops are mainly communication skills, having to do with fluent and accurate oral and written expression in English, as well as logical and critical thinking skills: the ability to produce an organized and well-structured text and to analyse texts critically. There is also an important focus on (library) research skills, in particular on teaching students how to research a topic and how to integrate bibliographical material into their essay by paraphrasing, summarizing, and citing sources correctly.

### ASSESSMENT METHODS

This module is assessed through a group presentation and an essay.