

COURSE SYLLABUS

Supporting Academic Writing in all Subjects, 1.5 credits

Att stödja akademiskt skrivande i alla ämnen, 1.5 högskolepoäng

Course Code:	LSWR23	Education Cycle:	Second-cycle level
Confirmed:	Nov 21, 2025	Disciplinary domain:	Education
Valid From:	Jan 19, 2026	Subject group:	Education
		Specialised in:	A1N Second cycle, has only first-cycle course/s as entry requirements
		Main field of study:	Education

Intended Learning Outcomes (ILO)

On completion of the course, the student should be able to:

Knowledge and understanding

- describe basic aspects of text, relevant for text adaptation to context, genre, subject and reader
- identify pedagogical perspectives on support for academic writing in higher education

Skills and abilities

- apply relevant linguistic knowledge to analyse texts from different genres in their own subject
- compare and reflect upon similarities and differences between textual properties of students' texts and textual properties of subject specific texts written by specialists in the discipline
- design and support students' writing process attending to pedagogical and textual aspects

Judgement and approach

- reflect upon the progression in students' academic writing process
- identify their need for deepened knowledge and improve their competence in supporting academic writing
- use collegial learning to improve their competence in supporting academic writing
- critically reflect on their support of students' academic writing

Content

- Basic linguistic concepts relevant for text adaptation to context, subject, genre and receiver
- The writing process
- Pedagogical perspectives on support for academic writing
- Collegial learning

Type of instruction

The teaching consists of lectures, seminars and exercises performed individually and in groups.

A learning management system is used.

Students who have been admitted to and registered for a course have the right to receive instruction/supervision for the duration of the time period specified for the particular course instance to which they were accepted. After that, the right to receive instruction/supervision expires.

Swedish may be used to some extent in seminars and in examination.

Language of instruction is English.

Examination and grades

The course is graded Pass (G) or Fail (U).

The examination is based on the intended learning outcomes.

The course is examined through two individual written assignments. The first assignment is based on reflection. The second assignment is based on a log involving collegial learning, and reflection.

Further information concerning assessment of specific intended learning outcomes and grading criteria is provided at the beginning of the course.

The final grade of the course is issued only when all elements of examination have been passed.

Registration of examination:

Name of the Test	Value	Grading
Individual written assignment, Metalanguage for text work and text properties in subject-specific texts	0.5 credits	G/U
Individual written assignment, Pedagogical perspectives on writing support	1 credit	G/U

Course evaluation

The instruction is followed up throughout the course. A course evaluation is conducted at the end of the course. A summary and comments are published in the learning management system. The evaluation constitutes a basis for future improvements to the course.

Other information

Students are guaranteed a minimum of three attempts to pass an examination, including the regular attempt.

If a student has failed the same examination three times, the student can request that the next attempt be graded by a new examiner. The decision to accept or reject such a request is made by the director of Educate.

In case a course is terminated or significantly altered, examination according to the earlier syllabus shall be offered on at least two occasions in the course of one year after the termination/alteration.

Course literature

Please note that changes may be made to the reading list up until eight weeks before the start of the course.

Course literature

Afdal, Hilde W., Spernes, K. & Hoff-Jenssen, Reidun (2022). Academic reading as a social practice in higher education. *Higher Education* (2022). <http://www.doi.org/10.1007/s10734-022-00893-x>. 19 p.

Badenhorst, Cecile, Moloney, Cecilia, Rosales, Janna, Dyer, Jennifer & Ru, Lina (2015). Beyond deficit: graduate student research-writing pedagogies. *Teaching in Higher Education* 20(1), 1-11. <http://www.doi.org/10.1080/13562517.2014.945160>. 11 p.

Choi, Minkyung, & Todaro, Joseph N. (2022). From Considerate to Challenging Texts: A Four- Tiered Text Approach to Thematic Reading. *Journal of Adolescent and Adult Literacy* 65(6), 457-467. <http://www.doi.org/10.1002/jaal.1222> 11 p.

Gozycki, M., Desa G., Howard, P.J. & Allen, D.D. (2020) "Reading Is Important," but "I Don't Read": Undergraduates' Experiences With Academic Reading. *Journal of Adolescent and Adult reading* 63(5), 499-508. <https://doi.org/10.1002/jaal.1020>. 9p.

Pilcher, Nick & Richards, Kendall (2016). The paradigmatic hearts of subjects which their 'English' flows through. *Higher Education Research & Development* 35(5), 997-1010.

<http://www.doi.org/10.1080/07294360.2016.1138455>. 14 p.

Webster, Simon & Green, Simon (2021). Scaffolded Practice Assignment Writing to Support Emergent Disciplinary Literacies. *The Electronic Journal for English as a Second Language* 25(1). <http://www.tesl-ej.org/wordpress/issues/volume25/ej97a/ej97a16/>. 18 p.

Wingate, Ursula (2018). Academic literacy across the curriculum: Towards a collaborative instructional approach. *Language Teaching*, 51(3), 349-364. <http://www.doi.org/10.1017/S0261444816000264>. 16 p.

Approximately 30 pages of scientific text chosen by the participant and 2-3 hours of pre-recorded mini-lectures will be added.

Reference literature

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Bastalich, Wendy (2011). Beyond the local/general divide: English for academic purposes and process approaches to cross disciplinary, doctoral writing support. *Higher Education Research & Development* 30(4), 449-462. <http://www.doi.org/10.1080/07294360.2010.518954>.

Blomström, Vendela, & Wennerberg, Jeanna (2015). *Akademiskt läsande och skrivande*. Studentlitteratur.

Clughen, Lisa & Connell, Matt (2011). Writing and resistance: Reflections on the practice of embedding writing in the curriculum. *Arts and Humanities in Higher Education* 11(4), 333-345. www.doi.org/10.1177/1474022211429543

Eklund Heinonen, Maria, Lennartson-Hokkanen, Ingrid & Nord, Andreas (2018). "Mer än bara text och ord" *Akademiskt skrivande i utbildningar i socialt arbete och sociologi* (FUMS Rapport 235). Institutionen för nordiska språk, Uppsala universitet.

Harper, Rowena & Orr Vered, Karen (2016). Developing communication as a graduate outcome: using 'Writing Across the Curriculum' as a whole-of-institution approach to curriculum and pedagogy. *Higher Education Research & Development* 36(4), 688-701. <http://www.doi.org/10.1080/07294360.2016.1238882>.

Hoel, Torlaug Løkenstgard (2010). *Skriva på universitet och högskolor. En bok för lärare och studenter*. Studentlitteratur.

Jonsmoen, Kari Mari & Greek, Marit (2017). Lecturers' text competencies and guidance towards academic literacy. *Educational Action Research* 25(3), 354-369. <http://www.doi.org/10.1080/09650792.2016.1178156>.

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León Pérez, Isabel K. & Martín-Martín, Pedro (2016). On the importance of a genre-based approach in the teaching of English for Medical Purposes. *Language Learning in Higher Education* 6(1), 95-117. http://www.journals.scholarsportal.info/pdf/2191611x/v06i0001/95_otioagtoefmp.xml.

Luhach, Suman (2020). Recreating Discourse Community for Appropriating HOCs in Law Undergraduates' Academic Writing. *IAFOR Journal of Education: Studies in Education* 8(4), 151-170. <http://www.doi.org/10.22492/ije.8.4.09>.

McWilliams, Robyn & Allan, Quentin (2014). Embedding Academic Literacy Skills: Towards a Best Practice Model. *Journal of University Teaching & Learning Practice* 11(3). www.doi.org/10.53761/1.11.3.8

Pessoa, Silvia, Mitchell, Thomas D., Gomez-Laich, Maria Pia, Maune, Michael & Le Roux, Cecile (2022). Scaffolding the Case Analysis in an Organizational Behavior Course: Making Analytical Language Explicit. *Journal of Management Education* 46(2), 226-251. www.doi.org/10.1177/1052562921994892.

Rosa, Holly & Hodgson-Drysdale, Tracy (2021). Learning to teach science genres and language of science writing: Key change processes in a teacher's critical SFL praxis. *Language and Education*, 35(5), 429-445. <http://www.doi.org/10.1080/09500782.2021.1960558>.

Wingate, Ursula (2019). "Achieving transformation through collaboration: the role of academic literacies", *Journal of Learning Development in Higher Education*, 15. <http://www.doi.org/10.47408/jldhe.v0i15.566>

Citing Sources – How to Create Literature References

<https://ju.se/library/academic-language/reference-management.html>

Sourcewise: A Student's Guide to Avoiding Plagiarism

Information about plagiarism at higher education institutions

Available in the learning management system