

Course on Writing Academic English

Course objective

To improve students' ability to communicate in written English about their topics of interest in the field of education.

Instructor

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Work experience

Currently a university lecturer in academic writing for English major undergraduates at Kyoto University of Foreign Studies and in scientific English for undergraduates at Kyoto University. An experienced magazine and academic thesis editor, she has written articles and served as contributing editor for many English-language publications in Japan and abroad, including the Asahi IHT, Ikebana International, Salon on-line magazine, and Japan Quarterly.

Course schedule

Four-month course, comprising one 2-hour classroom meeting per month on selected themes and follow-up assignments and discussion over the Internet.

Class meeting site

Kyoto Tower Hotel (north side of JR Kyoto Station)

Schedule

1 st meeting:	Saturday, October 9	1 – 4 p.m.(includes orientation)
2 nd meeting:	Saturday, November 6	2 – 4 p.m.
3 rd meeting:	Saturday, December 11	2 – 4 p.m.
4 th meeting:	Saturday, January 15	2 – 4 p.m.

Assignments

Students will be expected to complete 1-2 short assignments per week and one longer (10-page) research paper on a topic of interest. Quizzes and in-class assignments will

also be given. Students will also be expected to complete assigned reading of the text, Writing Academic English, by Alice Oshima and Ann Hogue (New York: Addison Wesley Longman, 1999), and printed handouts.

Class size

10 students

Student selection

Applicants for the course will be sent questions by e-mail to which they must respond in English. The ten participants will be chosen on the basis of these responses.

Course fees

Monthly tuition:	Member: ¥16,000	Non-member: ¥18,000
(Total course tuition:	Member: ¥64,000	Non-member: ¥72,000

- The above course fees include the cost of the text, Writing Academic English. The text will be distributed at the first class meeting.
- Because the course includes considerable on-line follow-up, participants unable to attend the monthly class meetings are expected to pay full tuition. In this case, course materials distributed at the monthly meeting will be sent to the participant.
- Please pay monthly tuition at each class meeting. Payment can also be made via post office or bank transfers, but participants must assume any handling charges.

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