SCIENTIFIC WRITING WORKSHOP

• Time: May 24-28, 2021

 • Place: on-line (Zoom links will be provided by the course holder.)

• Course instructor: Professor Shanley Allen, University of Kaiserlautern, Germany

• Credits: 5 ECTS

• Responsible institution: UiB

• Course organizer: Kari Kinn (Kimberly Skjelde, Juliane Tiemann)

• Course Description

The course will provide students with advanced skills in producing publishable research papers and build awareness of quality standards in academic work. Participants will also receive training in transferable skills, such as communicating scientific results to the general non-expert public, as well as training in structuring and maintaining an active writing practice. Time will be spent allowing participants to develop further their writing skills and identify and articulate issues they find difficult. Finally, participants will have the opportunity to discuss these difficulties one-on-one with the course instructor.

COURSE SCHEDULE

Day 1

9:00-9:15 Introduction to the course

9:15-11:00 Developing a story line

11:00-11:15 Break

11:15-13:00 Logical flow

13:00-14:00 Lunch

14:00-15:45 Methods and results sections

15:45-16:00 Break

16:00-17:00 Critique article portion I

Day 2

9:00-11:00 Introduction section

11:00-11:15 Break

11:15-13:00 Discussion section

13:00-14:00 Lunch

14:00-15:45 Elevator speeches

15:45-16:00 Break

16:00-17:00 Critique article portion 2

Day 3

9:00-11:00 Writing abstracts and titles

11:00-11:15 Break

11:15-13:00 Writing for a non-academic audience

13:00-14:00 Lunch

14:00-15:00 Critique article portion 3

15:00-15:45 Break

15:45-16:45 Questions and issues arising

16:45-17:00 Conclusion and evaluation

Day 4

9:00-11:00 Effective writing habits (or writing)

11:00-11:15 Break

11:15-13:00 Shut-up and write (45 x 2) - Coaching

13:00-14:00 Lunch

14:00- 16.45 Shut-up and write (45 x 3) - Coaching

16:45-17:00 Questions, Issues Arising

Day 5

9:00-11:00 Effective writing habits (or writing)

11:00-11:15 Break

11:15-13:00 Shut-up and write (45 x 2) - Coaching

13:00-14:00 Lunch

14:00- 16.30 Shut-up and write (45 x 3) - Coaching

16:30-17:00 Conclusion and Evaluation

Work to be completed in advance of the course:

1. Send a maximum of 5 pages of writing (one abstract or part of an article-in-progress) to the course holder, Shanley Allen. Mark if you are willing to have your writing critiqued by everyone in the group. She will use these to get an idea of the writing strengths and challenges of the participants, and may also take examples from these articles-in-progress (if permitted) to use in the sessions.

The idea is to model a group critique session so that participants can then form their own critique group to provide feedback on each other’s writing on a regular basis after the workshop.

1. Each participant must also:

Read one short well-written linguistics article (provided by the course holder) and be prepared to discuss it in the sessions.

Read three short sections of articles written by other participants and be prepared to discuss them in the sessions.

Prepare at least one question that you would like to discuss during the coaching session.

What to do during the course:

1. Actively participate in all the sessions.

2. Have fun!