



## Writing a Scientific Paper – the 7 module group course

### Goal

This e-learning course offers practical guidelines for a successful approach of your (future) writing task. Special attention is paid to the challenges of the junior writer: how to start, how to select and organize your content, how to overcome writer's block, how to arrange a coherent line of thought. The template and style specifics of science writing are taught as instruments that support your writing process. You will develop an eye for cohesion, clarity, and conciseness, but - most of all - you will gain confidence in writing.

### Format

You are trained through short web lectures, various materials and exercises, as well as feedback from the trainer and your peers through a Moodle Platform. Every week you have to work on assignments that you need to submit before the new week (learning unit) starts. If you wish, you can relate several assignments to your own writing. It is not required to be working on a paper at the start of the course.

### Content

The course consists of 7 modules, addressing the following topics:

1. Basics of scientific writing, tiny steps in writing, time management for authors, mastering the process, reading the literature
2. Story line of the introduction and the discussion, moves and signals, useful academic phrases
3. Paragraph structures, topic and key sentences
4. Textual cohesion and emphasis
5. Academic style 1: style specifics of science writing, sentence length, the passive voice
6. Academic style 2: noun style, concision, hedging and highlighting your findings
7. Revising your article: verb tenses, pitfalls of scientific English, punctuation

Language: English.

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