



Writing for Academic Purposes (Online)

October 18 to November 26, 2021

StFX Continuing & Distance Education, in collaboration with the StFX Student Success Centre, is pleased to offer this six week, non-credit course in Writing for Academic Purposes. This course offers practical strategies for improving skills in academic essay writing. Students will be guided through each stage of writing a short essay on a subject relevant to the contemporary social context. Lessons cover such topics as writing annotated notes and avoiding plagiarism, formulating a thesis statement and constructing a solid outline, as well as proofreading and revising drafts. Students will learn how to correct common errors in grammar, spelling and vocabulary, and how to compose effective introductory and concluding paragraphs. Lessons will be reinforced through interactive activities, group engagement and instructor feedback. Ultimately, students will learn the significance of reading like a writer. To read like a writer is to engage an academic text not only to understand its content but also to observe its structure and style. In this way, students will come away from the course with knowledge of the fundamentals of writing an essay and the ability to continue to improve their academic writing skills.

Upon completion of this course, it is intended that you will be able to:

- Identify and correct common errors in grammar, vocabulary and spelling
- Paraphrase and summarize research materials
- Compile a practical annotated bibliography
- Recognize differences between MLA, Chicago Manual, and APA citation styles
- Avoid plagiarism through proper use of APA style guide
- Create a viable essay outline
- Formulate thesis statements and topic sentences
- Compose effective introductions and conclusions
- Identify audience and employ appropriate language style
- Complete a short academic essay
- Proofread and revise an academic essay
- Search library databases for academic research materials

Tuition: \$373.75 (includes HST)

Instructor: L. Arnold

Registration deadline: October 13, 2021

[Registration Form](#)

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