

# TEMPLATE FOR COURSE SPECIFICATION

نموذج وصف المقرر مادة الكتابة الأكاديمية

## HIGHER EDUCATION PERFORMANCE REVIEW: PROGRAMME REVIEW

### COURSE SPECIFICATION

This course introduces students to the fundamentals of academic writing in English. Students will learn how to structure an academic essay, including writing an introduction, thesis statement, body paragraphs, and conclusion. The course emphasizes critical thinking, summarizing, and paraphrasing skills. There will be a focus on correct grammar usage and adherence to academic formatting standards such as MLA.

1. Teaching Institution	Al-Hilla University
2. University Department/Centre	English Department
3. Course title/code	An introduction to academic writing
4. Modes of Attendance offered	Offline
5. Semester/Year	Yearly
6. Number of hours tuition (total)	32
7. Date of production/revision of this specification	13/9/2024
8. Aims of the Course	<p>Understand the principles of academic writing and the importance of organization in essays.</p> <p>Develop the ability to write clear and well-structured essays with an introduction, body, and conclusion.</p> <p>Acquire skills in academic research, documentation, and paraphrasing.</p> <p>Enhance critical reading and analytical skills for interpreting academic texts.</p>

9. Learning Outcomes, Teaching ,Learning and Assessment Methode

Mastery of writing well-organized and coherent academic essays.

Ability to identify a thesis statement and effectively develop supporting paragraphs.

Proper application of academic citation and documentation styles.

Improved self-editing and proofreading skills.

#### Teaching and Learning Methods

**Lectures:** Regular class sessions will introduce core concepts of academic writing, including essay structure, grammar, and citation styles.

**Workshops:** Interactive writing workshops will allow students to practice drafting, revising, and peer-reviewing essays.

**Group Discussions:** Students will engage in group discussions to analyze academic texts, develop critical thinking, and exchange feedback on writing assignments.

**Writing Assignments:** Students will complete multiple writing tasks, including essays and reflection pieces, to enhance their writing skills.

#### Assessment methods

1. Weekly, monthly and quarterly exams
2. Preparing articles on the topic and discussing these articles
3. Preparing discussion sessions in the classroom to discuss the lesson material to overcome the difficulties faced by some students
4. Student testing during the application phase



## 10. Course Structure

Week	Hours	ILOs	Unit/Module or Topic Title	Teaching Method	Assessment Method
1	2 ساعة	Overview of academic writing conventions, the importance of audience, purpose, and tone in academic writing.	Introduction to academic Writing	Exercises	Practical and theoretical application
2	2 ساعة	Learning how to develop a clear and concise thesis statement. Understanding the structure of an academic essay (introduction, body, conclusion).	Paragraph structure	Exercises	
3	2 ساعة	Focusing on topic sentences, supporting details, and coherence within body paragraphs	Paragraph structure	Exercises	

4	2 ساعة	Focusing on topic sentences, supporting details, and coherence within body paragraphs.	The Structure of a paragraph	Exercise	Practical and theoretical application
5	2 ساعة	Techniques for summarizing and paraphrasing academic texts, avoiding plagiarism, and proper citation practices.	The Development of a paragraph	Exercises	
6	2 ساعة	Techniques for summarizing and paraphrasing academic texts, avoiding plagiarism, and proper citation practices.	Process Paragraph	Exercises	Practical and theoretical application
7	2 ساعة	Techniques for summarizing and paraphrasing academic texts, avoiding plagiarism, and proper citation practices.	Paragraph structure	Exercise	Various tests
		aspects of the academic subject			

8	2 ساعة	Assessment of concepts covered in the first half of the course.	Exam		
9	2 ساعة	Using sources effectively in writing, focusing on citation styles such as APA and MLA.	Paragraph	Exercises	Applications
10	2 ساعة	Strategies for revising drafts, peer review sessions, and self-editing techniques to improve clarity and coherence.	Paragraph	Exercises	Different tests
11	2 ساعة	Introduction to argumentative essays, developing arguments, and counterarguments.	Problem/ Solution p.	Exercises	tests
12	2 ساعة	Collaborative work on group writing assignments, combining research, writing, and presentation skills.	Review	Quiz	
13	2 ساعة	Knowing the theoretical aspects of the academic Writing	The Structure of an essay	Exercises	Practical and theoretical application

14	2 ساعة	Knowing the theoretical aspects of the academic Writing	Outlining of an essay	Exercises	Practical and theoretical application
15		Review session to prepare for the final exam and final essay submission.	Exam		
16	2 ساعة	Final Exam	Exam		Different questions

## 11. Infrastructure

1. Books Required reading:	An introduction to academic writing by Alice Oshima and Ann Hogue.
2. Main references (sources)	An introduction to academic writing by Alice Oshima and Ann Hogue 1

