**Course Title**  
Academic Writing Workshop

**Credits**  
4

**Lecturer**  
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**Semester**  
Fall or Spring

**Short Description**

The Academic Writing Workshop is an introduction to conventions of academic writing. It aims to give you the tools to write academic essays for all your university courses.

Throughout the semester, you will write short assignments that will familiarize you with the fundamental concepts of academic writing. You will read closely to analyze texts, learn how to reason with evidence, examine sources, organize persuasive and well-structured arguments, communicate ideas in clear and effective prose, and learn how to cite and document accurately.

The course work is based on an assigned novel, which you will be required to read in its entirety. The critical and theoretical readings during the semester will be related to the novel. Your final research essay will be based on the novel.

**Final grade components**

**Minor Assignments (total of 60% of grade):**
- 3 short critical responses to articles = 8% per essay
- Short presentation of work 6%
- On-line short assignments/responses 15%
- Class participation 15%

**Final requirement:**
- Final Research Paper = 40%

**Attendance**

Attendance is mandatory. Students are permitted a maximum of three absences without penalty. Any additional absences will affect the final grade and may result in failure of the course.

**Academic Conduct**

Plagiarism is taken extremely seriously. Any instance of academic misconduct which includes: submitting someone else’s work as your own; failure to accurately cite sources; taking words from another source without using quotation marks; submission of work for which you have previously received credit; working in a group for individual assignments; using unauthorized materials in an
exam and sharing your work with other students, will result in failure of the assignment and will likely lead to further disciplinary measures.

Additional requirements