

[Medicinski fakultet u Rijeci]

## Curriculum 2025/2026

[Za kolegij]

# Academic Writing

Study programme: **Medical Studies in English (R)** (elective)  
[Sveučilišni integrirani prijediplomski i diplomski studij]  
Department: **[Katedra za društvene i humanističke znanosti u medicini]**  
Course coordinator: **izv. prof. dr. sc. Pupovac Vanja, prof.**

Year of study: **1**  
ECTS: **1.5**  
Incentive ECTS: **0 (0.00%)**  
Foreign language: **Possibility of teaching in a foreign language**

## Course information:

The aim of the course is to acquaint students with the basic features of academic reading and writing and thereby make it easier for them to plan and produce academic work (essay, report, seminar paper, etc.) and enable communication in the academic community.

After completing the course, students will be able to:

- recognize and understand the stages in the writing process
- distinguish questions for description, analysis, and evaluation when reading a text critically
- form a text in which one's own position is presented
- argue one's position (support with explanations and evidence)
- recognize and form effective paragraphs and sentences
- use a citation style specific to the medical sciences
- constructively criticize other people's work

## List of assigned reading:

1. Strunk W, White E. B. The Elements of Style. Longman: Boston: Allyn and Bacon; 2009. (freely available at URL: <http://www.gutenberg.org/ebooks/37134>)
2. Zinsser W. On Writing Well: The Classic Guide to Writing Nonfiction. New York, NY: Harper Perennial; 2006.
3. Mimi Zeiger. Essentials to Writing Biomedical Research Papers. McGraw Hill Professional; 1999.

## List of optional reading:

1. <https://www.aacc.org/science-and-research/clinical-chemistry/clinical-chemistry%C2%A0guide-to-scientific-writing>
2. <https://www.phrasebank.manchester.ac.uk/>

## Curriculum:

### Seminars list (with titles and explanation):

#### What is academic writing?

understand basics of academic communication

#### Structure of the academic paper

identify basic structural elements of the academic paper

#### Logical organization of content

understand logical organization of ideas in academic text

#### Structure of the paragraph

identify basic elements of the paragraph

#### Academic style

identify basic elements of academic style

## Student obligations:

Students are required to create a seminar paper (critical presentation) and critically comment on at least 3 seminar papers of other students. The critical review will be written in several stages, which are described in more detail in the table below.

## Exam (exam taking, description of the written/oral/practical part of the exam, point distribution, grading criteria):

Regular and active participation in classes.

## Other notes (related to the course) important for students:

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## COURSE HOURS 2025/2026

Academic Writing

<b>Seminars</b> (Place and time or group)
<b>19.11.2025</b>
What is academic writing?: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• [ONLINE] (16:00 - 19:45) [420]<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◦ AW</li></ul></li></ul>
izv. prof. dr. sc. Pupovac Vanja, prof. [420]
<b>20.11.2025</b>
Structure of the academic paper: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• [ONLINE] (16:00 - 19:45) [420]<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◦ AW</li></ul></li></ul>
izv. prof. dr. sc. Pupovac Vanja, prof. [420]
<b>21.11.2025</b>
Logical organization of content: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• [ONLINE] (16:00 - 19:45) [420]<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◦ AW</li></ul></li></ul>
izv. prof. dr. sc. Pupovac Vanja, prof. [420]
<b>24.11.2025</b>
Structure of the paragraph: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• [ONLINE] (16:00 - 19:45) [420]<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◦ AW</li></ul></li></ul>
izv. prof. dr. sc. Pupovac Vanja, prof. [420]
<b>10.12.2025</b>
Academic style: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• [ONLINE] (16:00 - 19:45) [420]<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◦ AW</li></ul></li></ul>
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## List of lectures, seminars and practicals:

<b>SEMINARS (TOPIC)</b>	<b>Number of hours</b>	<b>Location</b>
What is academic writing?	5	[ONLINE]
Structure of the academic paper	5	[ONLINE]
Logical organization of content	5	[ONLINE]
Structure of the paragraph	5	[ONLINE]
Academic style	5	[ONLINE]

**EXAM DATES (final exam):**

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