

IB Academic Skills: Successful Academic Writing Workshop Program
9th to 13th of August 2021

MONDAY – Day 1: Elements of an academic essay

On the first day of the workshop you will use your prior knowledge to further develop the necessary skills to construct an excellent essay from start to finish. Participation will include note taking, individual, pair and group work - bring your A game!

- 8:00-9:00 Intro to academic writing - writing for different purposes
9:00-10:00 Essay development (pre-writing, thesis construction, paragraphing)
10:00-12:00 Mechanics (transitions, punctuation, tone, style, common avoidable errors)
12:00-13:00 Conclusion writing
LUNCH
13:30-15:00 Peer Review: learning and applying your knowledge to the work of another

TUESDAY– Day 2: Academic Integrity and citing your sources

Arguably the most vital day of the workshop and one that draws the line between a student who writes and a student who writes academically. The success of this day depends on your ability to truly understand the importance of giving credit where credit is due.

- 8:00-9:00 The importance of academic integrity: rules, regulation and how to avoid it.
9:00-9:30 Responsible Research: using appropriate secondary sources
9:30-11:00 In other words...: proper paraphrasing, summarizing and quotation
11:00-11:30 Introduction to the world of citation formatting
11:30- 13:00 Citation styles 1: MLA format
LUNCH
13:30-14:30 Citation styles 1: APA format
14:30-15:00 Annotated bibliography (works cited / reference page)

WEDNESDAY – Day 3: Writing with purpose Part 1

You will explore three different essay structures and the techniques used to formulate each type. Be prepared to refresh your established writing skills while reflecting and thinking critically about your past, present and future role as an academic writer.

8:00-12:00 Argumentative v. Analytical writing (Ms. Agi)

LUNCH

13:00-15:00 Literary writing: Literary analysis (key terms, analysis, thesis, secondary sources) (Ms. Emily)

THURSDAY– Day 4: Writing with purpose Part 2

Keep the momentum going as you head into the world of academic research writing (a skill which will guarantee future success). After this, you will sharpen your ability to achieve a properly balanced comparative literary essay, something that never goes out of style.

8:00-10:00 Writing a research paper (Ms. Agi)

10:00-12:00 Literary writing: Comparative literary essay (Ms. Emily)

LUNCH

13:00-15:00 Writing and peer edits / feedback

FRIDAY- Day 5: Putting your new skills to work

Finally, a culmination of your hard work and efforts made throughout the workshop will be put into use. This final day will be focused on the construction of an airtight essay with the assistance of your workshop advisors. By the end of the day you will be proud of what you have accomplished and use it towards your future success in the IB and beyond!

8:00-8:30 Choose a subject specific prompt to construct an outline / first draft of an essay

8:30-9:00 Planning for your essay / presenting your outline to advisor (Ms. Agi/ Ms. Emily)

9:00-15:00 Complete first draft of essay (feedback to be given post workshop)