



Building Academic Writing Skills

International Winter School
organized by

Govind Ballabh Pant Social Science Institute
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Introduction

Writing skill is considered as one of the foundation stones in every discipline, especially in social sciences, to convey ideas, make arguments, and engage people and organizations in scholarly conversation. Evidence-based reasoning, appropriate selection of words, logical structuring, and an impersonal tone are the cardinal features of a good writer. Comprehensive academic writing is the exact opposite of what is commonly perceived as being wordy or difficult to understand: It educates, analyses, and persuades, and allows the reader to participate critically in an academic discussion. Versatile writing, in the opinion of a **researcher**, goes beyond the rules of grammar and language. It has a fine blend of knowledge, language, expression, consistency between words, sentences and paragraphs, etc. Writing also includes getting an idea, coming up with a solution, reflecting, and revising the work until it is finished. From **students'** point of view, writing may alternatively be an exhausting and even feared exercise in trying to express ideas on paper while learning the standards of writing, including syntax, citation style, and spelling.

This workshop aims to provide the most effective learning resources for gaining a wider perspective and technical skills. Participants will also have an opportunity to interact with academicians and corporate experts from the industry sector. Along with basic nuances of academic writing, the sessions will cover formal styles of research paper writing as is often expected by the journals. The workshop will help in developing writing talents by taking online academic writing classes to master the methods. Participants will get new perspectives on creative writing as well as a deeper comprehension of the English language and punctuation.

The ability to synthesize thoughts into papers, case studies, academic reports, and technical presentations will also be inculcated.

Course Objectives

1. To focus on academic writing fundamentals and academic writing abilities.
2. To increase participants' effectiveness as writers by acquiring both theoretical knowledge and practical skills.
3. To prepare participants for interdisciplinary academic discourses.
4. To explain various kinds of referencing/citation etc.
5. More precisely, through summarizing, analyzing, evaluating, and synthesizing concepts, participants will have the chance to practice critical reading and writing.

Themes to be Covered

- Synopsis writing
- Background to writing
- Academic Vocabulary
- Abbreviations
- Definitions and examples
- Persuasive writing
- Paraphrasing
- Summarizing/Abstract
- Analytical writing
- Cohesive language
- Content Analysis
- Planning structure
- Citations, quotations, and references
- Reflective writing
- Proofreading
- Avoiding plagiarism
- Critical writing
- Descriptive writing

Course fees- 1000 INR per participant (Students UG/PG/Ph.D.) and 3,000 INR participants (Working Professionals).

Mode: Online

Duration:09-14 January 2023 (from 1000 to 1700 hrs)

Registration deadline-05 January 2023

Eligibility criteria: UG/PG/Ph.D. students and working professionals.

Lecture hours: 36 hours

Coordinators: Dr. Ambuj Sharma and Dr. Puja Pal.

About the Institute

The Govind Ballabh Pant Social Science Institute is a constituent institute of the University of Allahabad. The institute undertakes an interdisciplinary research approach in the field of social sciences. The main areas of research at this institute are development planning and policy, environment, health and population, human development, rural development and management, culture, power and change, democracy, and institutions.

The institute endeavours to cater to various dimensions of study and research in social sciences. It generates a corpus of think tanks for studying the social sciences from an interdisciplinary approach. In this direction, the institute has developed four postgraduate academic programmes, namely MPhil, PhD, MBA-RD, and MALS in the last decades.

The **Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)** is the most intrinsic programme of the institute. This programme typically takes around 4 years at this institute like other reputed institutes in India and abroad. Students can earn a Ph.D. in various disciplines of social sciences.

In pursuance of its objective of social change and development in rural areas, the institute runs a two-year full-time MBA (RD) programme to create a vast pool of human capital for rural development. Besides acquiring theoretical knowledge of various relevant subjects, the students also visit rural areas and undergo short- and long-term internships in the field. The mission of the **MBA-Rural Development** programme is to build committed and competent professionals who could transform the rural communities embedded in a culture of silence into those who can think and act on their own, control and manage their institutions, evolve and adopt technologies for sustainable development as well as adapt to changing demands of the market.

Master of Arts in Liberal Studies (MALS) course offers students an innovative, flexible, and customizable path toward an interdisciplinary programme. The aim of this two-year MA programme (multiple entries and exits) is to develop the skills and independent critical thinking required for the 'knowledge workforce' of the future and for students interested in working in the academics, industry, and development sectors.

Note for the Participants

1. Participants across multi-disciplinary and professional boundaries including researchers, graduates, bureaucrats, social activists, corporate professionals, journalists, and also those who are in the process of policy formulation etc.
2. A Certificate will be issued to the participant after successful completion of the module.
3. To effectively reach out to larger groups and to facilitate smooth participation the program is designed for online mode.
4. Participants are free to choose for registration in more than one module.
5. For registration, please fill the Google form available at **<https://forms.gle/fiMA6Qiv8C4MPdbh8>**
6. Payments can be made through online mode and upload the UTR slip on the Registration form duly filled.

Winter School Bank Detail: Registration Fee (as per course) needs to be paid in advance through online mode in favour of **GB PANT SOCAIL SCIENCE INSTITUTE, Allahabad**, Payable at Allahabad (Nyay Nagar, Allahabad Branch, Jhusi Kohna-211019) A/C No **86360100017333**, IFSC Code: BARB0DBNYAY).

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