

Introduction to Academic Writing

A short practical course for people beginning their research. This course focuses on the fundamentals of academic writing, looking at articles, theses, and at argument, structure, style, paragraphing, writing for different audiences and relevant grammar.

This course is taught by Amal Chatterjee and corresponds to 1 ECTS.

Dates	Times	Rooms
Thu 27-10-2022	10 am - 1 pm	REC-B5.12*
Thu 3-11-2022	10 am - 1 pm	REC-B5.12

*Anthropology Common Room

Writing up Research: English Academic Writing

The course focuses on preparing participants to write up fieldwork, write articles for publication and to write PhD theses. It covers aspects of structure, the conventions of academic writing, the differences between writing for publication, for dissertations, and for information purposes (lay readers, popular science writing), grammar, and provides practical guidance on error correction.

The course is taught by Amal Chatterjee and corresponds to 3 ECTS

Dates	Times	Rooms
Wed 12-10-2022	10.00-15.30	REC-B5.12*
Wed 19-10-2022	10.00-15.30	REC-B5.12
Wed 26-10-2022	10.00-15.30	REC-B5.12
Wed 2-11-2022	10.00-15.30	REC-B5.12
Wed 9-11-2022	Tutorials; 10.00-15.30	REC-B5.12
Thu 10-11-2022	Tutorials; 10.00-15.30	REC-B5.12

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Ethnographic Research (Advanced)

This advanced course is for PhD students with previous experience in using ethnographic methods (including participant observation, open interviews, and ethnographically analyzing other relevant materials). It will concentrate on issues that arise in everyday research and challenge you to take a next step in your development as a researcher.

As a participant you are addressed as an agent of your own learning process and encouraged to explore methods with an eye on your own PhD project. The teaching is hands on and includes micro-ethnographies that we will discuss jointly. The course is taught by Else Vogel and corresponds to 12 ECTS.

Dates	Times	Rooms
Fri 21-10-2022	10.00-13.00	REC-C2.07
Fri 28-10-2022	10.00-13.00	REC-C3.04
Fri 11-11-2022	10.00-13.00	REC-C2.07
Fri 18-11-2022	10.00-13.00	REC-C2.07
Fri 2-12-2022	10.00-13.00	REC-C2.07
Fri 9-12-2022	10.00-13.00	REC-C2.07

Short Intensive Courses (SICs)

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There needs to be a minimal amount of people participating, at least 8 from at least three programme groups, preferably from different disciplines. The commitment of these people needs to be clearly stated

Non-AISSR participants are only allowed when the minimum requirement of 8 AISSR participants is reached. Please note that this is and should be an AISSR activity, so the majority of participants should always be from the AISSR. Costs for non-AISSR PhDs are usually around € 250 depending on SIC and budget;

If fulfilled, one can get ECTS points for the course. The points will depend on the duration and reading requirements of the SIC. Literature: 10 pages per hour.

Twice a year the AISSR circulates a call to submit a proposal for a SIC in the next semester. The proposal should include: structured proposal with education targets, educational tools, methodology, content, participants, budget indication. Proposal may not exceed 2 pages and can be send to [AISSR secretariat](#).

Examples of previous SICs include:

- Globalisation, Crisis and Insecurity
- Rethinking Norbert Elias
- Migration, Medicine and Reproductive Insecurity
- Visual Methods
- Decision-making under Information Uncertainty, from Perception to Action
- The Body and Technology
- Human Rights: Activism and Site-Specific Research
- The coexistence of the living and the non-living in the city

For more information on these SICs, contact the [AISSR secretariat](#).

GSSS Master and external courses

Courses from the (Research) Masters Social Sciences

The agreement between AISSR and GSSS regarding the participation of AISSR PhD in GSSS Master courses:

- AISSR PhDs may participate in selected courses in all three GSSS Research Master programs and in the one-year Master programs
- Once or twice a year AISSR will distribute a list of the courses that are open for PhDs (poster below)
- To participate in a GSSS course, a SIS registration is mandatory. If you have not yet requested permission to apply for a doctorate degree, please contact your department secretariat ASAP
- Master students have priority, i.e. if courses are full PhD students may not be able to participate
- The participation of AISSR PhDs in Research Master courses is "free". PhD students external to the AISSR do have to pay (contractonderwijs)
- PhDs have to participate fully, i.e. also complete attendance requirements and are not allowed to "audit" Master courses

If you would like to participate in a GSSS Master course, please discuss this with your supervisor and to sign up, contact [the AISSR secretariat](#).

Other Course Options

PhD candidates may also follow courses that are offered by other research schools (e.g. [Nethur/CERES](#)). These should also be registered in the PhD Trajectory Plan. There may be costs involved, so please get approval of your supervisors on forehand.

Teaching and Learning Centre

The Central Teaching and Learning Centre offers [various \(advanced\) courses for teachers](#).

Information about registration

All AISSR PhD Candidates are requested to develop a training programme with their supervisor and document this in their PhD Trajectory Plan. PhD and supervisors decide together which courses the student should take, depending on their previous training. PhD students should follow (or have followed) sufficient training in Methods, Disciplinary and Interdisciplinary Theory (equal to around 30 ECTS).

Please note that:

- AISSR PhD Candidates are encouraged to follow at least the AISSR Theory Course and one of the Methods courses
- The Methods Courses will help you writing your 8-months paper
- The Writing up English Course is meant for PhD in their writing phase
- When registered for a course you are expected to participate in this course or cancel in time (latest 2 weeks in advance). Typically there are waiting lists for the courses and other PhD would be eager to participate in case of cancellation
- When enrolled we expect you to complete the course. Completion will be registered in our Managing Database

Agreement with the Social Science Graduate School of the VU University in Amsterdam

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AISSR has come to an agreement with the Social Science Graduate School of the VU University to the exchange of course participation for PhD candidates. Most courses can be taken free of charge. This means that in addition to our own internal PhD programme PhD candidates formally enrolled in the AISSR can participate without fee in the PhD courses offered at the Graduate School Social Sciences at the VU University. The actual overview of PhD courses offered by VU, and information about how to sign up can be found through the link below. Some of the courses are not open for external participants, this is indicated in the course description.

Please note that this agreement is limited to the VU-GSSS PhD programme and that participation is only possible if space permits (usually there is a maximum of 15 participants in a course; internal (VU) PhDs get priority over external participants). This means that if you sign up for a course at VU-GSSS you will first obtain a provisory registration. No later than two weeks before the start of a course you will get a definite confirmation that you can participate. If you register at a later date we may not be able to finalize it.

[Overview of the PhD courses at the VU University](#)

AISSR Educational Committee

The AISSR Educational Committee PhD has the task of assuring the quality of teaching and of the teaching process of the AISSR-GSSS PhD educational programme.

- The Committee will meet three times per year to:
- Advise on the curriculum
- Advise on the regulations of the AISSR-GSSS Training Programme
- Discuss the results of the student evaluations
- Discuss proposals for Short Intensive Courses (SIC's)
- Discuss other education related issues (based on remarks/complaints from students, teachers, supervisors, PhD Sounding Board etc.)
- Prepare an advisory or discussion note for the annual meeting of the AISSR Scientific Educational Board (Programme Council plus GSSS Director)

The committee is composed of the AISSR Scientific Director (Marieke de Goede), the GSSS Scientific Director (Annette Freyberg-Inan), two senior academic staff members (Hebe Verrest and Saskia Bonjour), 1 PhD representative (Dieuwke Zwier) and the PhD coordinator (Simon Cijssouw).