

Department of English Language Teaching
Faculty of Arts, University of Colombo



CERTIFICATE IN ACADEMIC WRITING

IN BLENDED MODE

DURATION - 04 months

MODE - 40% onsite; 60% online

MEDIUM - English

COURSE FEE - Rs. 40,000.00

WHAT YOU WILL LEARN

- Plan, draft, revise and edit academic texts
- Write essays, reports and research papers with clarity
- Build coherent arguments supported by evidence
- Summarise, paraphrase and avoid plagiarism
- Use APA/MLA referencing styles accurately
- Strengthen academic grammar, vocabulary, and style
- Prepare a final academic paper or portfolio



COURSE FOCUS

Basics of writing	tone, structure, titles, and pre-writing
Paragraphs	topic sentences, connectors, and logical flow
Use of sources	summarising, paraphrasing, citation
Academic genres	essays, literature reviews, research papers
Feedback and revision	peer review, editing and final presentation

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

A/L with a minimum C pass in English OR English medium instruction at tertiary level, AND a placement test offered by the DELT.

TEACHING AND ASSESSMENT

Video lectures, readings and quizzes via LMS; faceto-face workshops; discussion forums; self-study; pair and group work; instructor and peer feedback on writing assignments.

Assessment: **40%** formative tasks + **60%** final writing project (academic essay / portfolio)

WHO CAN APPLY?

Undergraduate and postgraduate students, early-career researchers, academics and professionals seeking to improve academic writing for higher education, research or publication.

**Application Deadline:
20th September 2026**