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Syllabus outline for the ACRN English for Academic Writing course Nov 2011

#### Class One- Introduction to Effective Academic Writing

1- Comprehensive account / appraisal of the points of note based on the essays and CVs read.

Note that you'll be giving the essays out to the class with notes attached.

2- Effective preparation for writing academic texts- some key guidelines.

3- Style and structuring points.

4- Setting homework and stipulating that the students must form teams and give short presentations in the final class of the week.

#### Class Two- Preparing Research Papers and Articles For Publication

1- Discussion of written homework

2- Examination of a selection of written work- published and unpublished. 3- How to write an effective introduction.

4- Essay structuring exercises.

5- Setting homework

#### Class Three- Academic Style

1- Discussion of homework.

2- Examination of first-class level written work by real Cambridge students (made anonymous).

3- What to avoid in academic prose.

4- Examining actual tripos University of Cambridge examination scripts.

#### Class Four- Preparing Journal Abstracts and Book proposals

1- Discussion of homework

2- Short presentations from the teams formed at the start of the week.

3- Examination of abstracts and proposals that have led to publication.

4- Abstract writing practise.

5- Summary of week's learning.