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ACADEMIC WRITING I  
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How to pass, course requirements, what you can expect

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- Textbook: Zemach, D. “Writers at Work”.
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# ACADEMIC WRITING I/II

## (AW1, AW2)

### A. How to pass

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*1. Write three (3) essays of designated types, of a suitable quality, in both hard and digital copies, delivered by the deadline.*

*1. “Suitable quality” means*

*1. Proper academic format*

*1. Single font, student– and essay–identifying info, date, suitable centred title, claims, evidence and explanatory warrants.*

*2. At least 5 paragraphs (introduction, 3 supporting paragraphs, conclusion)*

*3. Citations and bibliography when necessary or required.*

*2. Shows signs of critical thinking and awareness of Japanese and Western values.*

*3. Shows signs of progress through several drafts.*

*4. Student uses his or her own words (no plagiarism).*

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## (AW1, AW2)

- What to expect 1
    - Instruction and discussion of grammar, logic & rhetoric
    - Instruction in academic format, including citation and bibliography (MLA style)
    - Instruction in argumentation (claim, data, warrant, qualifier, rebuttal, backing)
    - Discussion of Japanese and Western values
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## (AW1, AW2)

- What to expect 2

- In class

- All instruction will be in English (ideally!)
  - Interaction – instructor will instruct by asking questions
    - Purpose of questions is not always to get the correct answer but to promote thinking
  - Writing & re-writing; free writing and formal writing
  - Sharing, discussing & giving/getting feedback on your & classmates' writing
  - Reading textbook & doing textbook exercises
  - Instructor feedback to whole class using student writing as examples.
  - Individual instructor feedback (conferencing)
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## (AW1, AW2)

- What to expect 3
    - Homework
      - Researching
      - Thinking
      - Writing / typing essay
      - Reading (assigned and free)
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## (AW1, AW2)

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- Your instructor: Marc Sheffner
    - British university degree in literature and language
    - Attended a grammar school
    - 40+ academic presentations and papers
    - A 30–year academic career
    - 20+ years of teaching academic writing, including thesis–writing supervision
    - Some knowledge of Japanese language and culture.
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