

Department	Sociology	
Course Code	SUPE 201	
Course Title	Academic Writing for Social Sciences	
No. of Credits	03	
Pre-requisites	None	
Core/ Supplementary	Supplementary	
Aim(s): To equip students with basic writing competencies necessary to read, understand, and engage with academic texts in the discipline at the undergraduate level.		
Intended Learning Outcomes: On successful completion of the course, the students should be able to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Define the meaning of academic texts • Deliver a comprehensible summary of its content to an academic audience • Respond to the text critically • Articulate their own ideas in written communication to an academic audience effectively 		
Time Allocation (Hours):	Lectures: 45	Notional Hours: 150
Course content/Course description: Brief history of writing in Social Sciences: special features, effective communication methods (1); Conceptualization of issues in Social Sciences (connected to research problem and question formulation) <i>Should draw from the previous component; in-class activity recommended</i> (1); Developing a theoretical framework <i>Should be exercise driven, using model research problems and classroom online connectivity</i> (2); Literature survey (1); Methods and methodology <i>Session 1 can be an introduction to the topic; session 2, group assignment and presentation</i> (2); Presentation of qualitative and quantitative data in social research <i>Can give an individual assignment based on this</i> (1); Writing techniques (internal coherence and logic of paragraphs and sentences, structural organization of dissertation and research papers, condensing) <i>Should include sessions on writing introductions, conclusion, abstracts, etc. Heavy emphasis on in-class activity recommended</i> (3); Referencing <i>Introduce students to one style and train them to stick with it (maybe also introduce a citation management software like Zotero). In-class activity a must</i> (2)		
Recommended Texts (if any): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • http://www.apa.org/pubs/journals/pro/writing.aspx • Uyangoda, J. (2011). <i>Writing Research Proposals in the Social Sciences and Humanities – A Theoretical and Practical Guide</i>. Colombo: Social Scientists' Association • Uyangoda, J. (2015). <i>Social Research: Philosophical and Methodological Foundations</i>. Colombo: Social Scientists' Association 		
Assessment	Percentage Mark	
End-Course Examination	100%	