

Course description	
<b>Course</b>	Methods for Scientific Communication
<b>Department</b>	Department of Ecology
<b>Language</b>	English
<b>Nature</b>	Mandatory
<b>Year/semester</b>	1st year, spring-term
<b>Credits (ECTS)</b>	3
<b>Lectures (hour/semester)</b>	28
<b>Plenary lectures (hour/semester)</b>	
<b>Practicals (hour/semester)</b>	-
<b>Responsible teacher</b>	Dr. Hornung Erzsébet
<b>Teacher(s)</b>	Dr. Hornung Erzsébet
<b>Prerequisites</b>	no

**Learning outcome** (include skills and competencies, if any)

The participants of the course will be acquainted to the details of scientific writing. The main emphasis is on preparing a primary scientific paper and a PhD dissertation. Participants will get a sight about the structure of scientific literature, about the special rules and structure of scientific papers: how to write a manuscript, what is the best strategy to find the appropriate journal for the topic, how to follow the process of publishing procedure from submission to the publishing, how to handle reviewers' opinion. We introduce the way how to prepare, illustrate a successful presentation (lecture slides, posters), how to present the results. We pay special attention to figures, tables. We talk about the rules of participating in an international meeting and about its advantages. The specialities of veterinary aspects and certain features of English usage will be also highlighted.

**Outcome assessment**

Weekly schedule of lectures and practicals

<b>WEEK</b>	<b>Lecture topics</b>
Week 1	How to write a manuscript 1: what, where, how?
Week 2	How to write a manuscript 2: the main parts and the attachments
Week 3	How to write a manuscript 3: submitting a ms and its way to publishing
Week 4	Rules of preparing a scientific presentation (slide show)
Week 5	Compilation of a successful poster presentation
Week 6	Specialities of Vet Science
Week 7	Specialities of Agricultural Science
Week 8	The requirements of a PhD dissertation (local rules)
Week 9	English usage 1
Week 10	English usage 2
Week 11	English usage 3
Week 12	English test
Week 13	Lecture presentation (own topic)
Week 14	Presentation of a good and bad poster with own critics

<b>Recommended literature</b>
handouts and pdf-s of relevant literature
Dr. Lövei Gábor (Danmarks JordbrugsForskning, Forskningscenter Flakkebjerg, Slagelse): Scientific writing & communication, Course notes
<b>Note(s)</b>
Double lectures biweekly; The course need active participation (presence) and submission/presentation of own lectures are required.