Writing (5) B211850
Course Syllabus for the Semester of Fall-2012

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Course Description
The aim of this course is to refine the students’ English writing skills, focusing on more practical aspects of academic English writing such as research paper, CV, and cover letter. Through activities like reading and discussion, and modeling, the students will improve in style, grammar, structure, and power on their writing. The foci of the first semester will be academic writing style, review of essay writing, and CV/cover letter; those of the second semester will be doing research, writing research paper, and APA style.

Prerequisites
Having done the course of Writing (1), (2), (3), and (4).

Assessment & Evaluation
A portfolio is needed as a reference for final grading.
1. participation and discussion (15%)
2. assignments and peer-review (25%)
3. writings (60%)

Major Textbooks

Course Schedule
This course focuses mainly on the following topics in this semester. We will spend one to three weeks on each topic:

1. Elements of academic writing
2. CV and cover letter
3. Introduction to research paper
4. The references of research paper
5. Argumentative essay writing
6. Comparison and contrast essay writing
7. Descriptive essay writing