An important skill for a successful academic career is the ability to write effectively in a variety of genres. This course helps nonnative speakers of English develop their writing skills by focusing on the mechanics of English sentences and paragraphs, as well as the local and global discourse structure of written texts. I encourage a workshop atmosphere where student work is reviewed and discussed by the class. I also provide direct feedback on regular writing assignments. The assignments encourage you to focus on your skills as you write about your research and personal interests. Active participation and evidence of progress in written English are the criteria to achieve a satisfactory grade in the course.

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