

ALI 255 (10168)
Advanced Writing Class for Ph.D. Students

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In this course Ph.D. students are given individual guidance to work on their dissertations. The professor and the student will set goals of writing sections and/or chapters of their dissertation, and discuss how to best prepare a logical, cohesive, academic, and publishable work. During the first week, the class meets in the assigned classroom, and then the instructor will meet the student one-on-one for a most effective progress. During midterm and finals students will present to their classmates on their progress.

ALI ATTENDANCE POLICY:

More than **3** hours of absence will be reported to the ALI student advisor. More than **6** hours of absence will result in a course grade of **NC** (no credit). Absence is counted for *any* reason, including illness, emergencies, and conference attendance. (Athletes, please note that a written excuse for absence due to competitions must be filed with the ALI Student Advisor.)

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY:

ALI and USC are very diligent in keeping students honest about their work. Copying another writer's work, improperly paraphrasing or citing a source, and getting "editorial revision by another person that results in substantive changes in content or major alteration of writing style" constitute academic dishonesty and can have serious consequences on your status as a student at USC.¹

¹ Behavior violating university standards and appropriate sanctions. *University of Southern California: USCampus student guidebook*. Retrieved on January 4, 2013, from <http://scampus.usc.edu/1100-behavior-violatinguniversitystandards-and-appropriate-sanctions/>

ASSESSMENT:

To acquire credit for the course you must attend the classes as agreed, and be on time for the one-on-one discussions.

Please note: This is a credit/no credit (CR/NC) class, which means that you will not receive a final letter grade (A/B/C/F) on your USC transcript. However, you must receive a total of 70% or higher to receive CR for the course.

COURSE PROJECTS:

The goal in this class is to show progress on your dissertation. Together with the instructor, you will set accomplishable goals and complete them to the best of your ability. During midterm and finals students will report on their progress by projecting their writing on the screen, reading and discussing the writing with their peers.

STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES:

Any student requiring accommodation based on a disability is required to register with the Disability Services and Programs office (DSP) each semester. A letter of verification for approved recommendations can be obtained through DSP. Please be sure the letter is delivered to me as early in the semester as possible. For more information, see http://sait.usc.edu/academicsupport/centerprograms/dsp/home_index.html.

CLASSROOM COURTESY:

As a courtesy to your classmates and teacher, please refrain from talking when others are talking. Use of technology (e.g., smart phones, iPads) is permissible when looking up information or checking the definition of a word; however, text-messaging is distracting and takes your attention from class discussion, so it is forbidden during class. Also, while it is understandably easier to speak your native language to others from your home country, this can be uncomfortable to others in the class who don't speak your language and certainly defeats the purpose of being in an English class, so please use English only in the classroom.

**PLEASE TURN OFF YOUR PHONE, DO NOT KEEP IT ON THE
DESK, AND DO NOT TEXT UNDER THE TABLE DURING CLASS OR YOUR
DISCUSSION WITH INSTRUCTOR**