

Course Announcement

BIO 555 Scientific Writing for Evolutionary Biologists

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Date and Time:	Friday, April 19, 2024, 10:00 – 16:30 Monday, April 22, 2024, 9:00 – 12:00
Location:	Botanical Garden, Zollikerstrasse 107, 8008 Zurich (on-site only)
Credits:	1 ECTS

Course Contents

All scientists have to write. Some enjoy it, others dread it. This course provides tools and strategies to enhance your writing and to overcome difficulties in the writing process. We will address the following topics:

- Publishing in Evolutionary Biology: how to write and communicate in the reviewing process
- Writing concise and attractive abstracts: how to structure and summarize complex topics
- Addressing different types of audience
- Find and keep motivation for writing projects; tools to improve focus

We will work on these topics by means of exercises, group work, input talks, discussions and individual feedback.

Prerequisites for Participation

- This course is for PhD students
- Priority: PhD students of the Evolutionary Biology PhD Program
- Registration deadline is two weeks before the course starts (April 5)
- Submission deadline for required preparatory work is one week before the course starts (April 12).
- ➔ Please note that you need to plan in 1-2 days for the preparatory work in the week between registration deadline and submission deadline.

Learning Outcomes

- The participants can reflect on the quality of a text
- They have gained insights into the publishing process in Evolutionary Biology
- They have tools at hand to address a variety of problems and challenges in the writing process
- They can tailor a text to target a specific audience.