

PSYC 5802W: PSYCHOLOGICAL WRITING DEVELOPMENT

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COURSE DESCRIPTION/INSTRUCTOR'S STATEMENT

This professional development course will build skills in the many forms of communication central to psychological science. This includes lessons in writing journal articles, response letters, and peer reviews. While these academic outputs are emphasized, we will discuss applications and outputs beyond an academic audience. There also will be lessons about different elements of the writing process. These elements include brainstorming, outlining, drafting, and editing—both one's own writing and peers' writing. While English language grammar is not explored in depth, we will discuss the importance of argument, evidence, structure, and style in writing.

EVALUATION (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

Students will be evaluated based on writing assignments, class discussion, peer evaluations, and a final paper. More details will be available on the course syllabus.

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Silvia, P. (2014). *Write it up: Practical strategies for writing and publishing journal articles*. Washington DC: American Psychological Association.

Additional readings (e.g., book chapters, academic articles, online articles, blogs, etc.) will be provided by the instructor in Brightspace.