

**HWG703****Graduate English**

Study year	: NTU Postgraduates
Academic units	: Nil (Pass/Fail)
Pre-requisite	: Nil
Tutorial hours	: 12 (weekly tutorials of 2 hours)

**CONTENT**

The objective of this course is to help graduate students develop their written and oral communication skills in English in academic settings. Participants will learn to:

1. prepare an academic paper for possible publication;
2. plan an oral presentation;
3. develop their skill in explaining concepts in their areas of specialization; and
4. respond critically, but constructively, to presentations.

HWG703 is a pass/fail course. It consists of 12 two-hour tutorials. Students who are required to take HWG703 need to pass the course before they can enroll for HWG702 (University Teaching for Teaching Assistants).

**STUDENT ASSESSMENT**

<b>Assessment</b>	<b>Weighting</b>
<b>Written assignment</b> Introduction of a research article (individual assignment).	<b>40%</b>
<b>Oral presentation</b> In-class oral presentation (individual assignment)	<b>40%</b>
<b>Class participation</b>	<b>20%</b>

**TEXTBOOKS/REFERENCES**

1. DiResta, Diane. 2009. *Knockout Presentations*. Worcester, MA: Chandler House, pp. 19–52.
2. English Communication for Scientists. *Nature Education*. <https://www.nature.com/scitable/ebooks/english-communication-for-scientists-14053993/118519407/>
3. Swales, John. M., & Christine B. Feak. 2004. *Academic Writing for Graduate Students: Essential Tasks and Skills*. 2nd ed. Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press.

**ONLINE COURSE SITE**

The tutorial handouts and other related information (e.g., assignments) can be accessed from <http://ntulearn.ntu.edu.sg>