GRSC6002 Making Your Writing Clear

Content:

This course focuses on how to create well connected text by the correct use of paragraph development, given-new information structure, vocabulary and pronoun reference. It also looks at the importance of certain grammatical choices, such as verb tense and voice, subordination and co-ordination and relative clauses to indicate the relative importance of ideas to the writer. This course is particularly useful for students who have difficulty in organizing information and developing ideas within and across paragraphs in their academic writing. It is not recommended for students who are already good writers at this level.

Organization:

This is a 12-hour course, consisting of one or two 2-hour lessons per week, making a total of six lessons. Each lesson will consist of brief input sessions from the teacher with small group discussions of examples and exercises allowing for maximum practice.

Enrollment:

Each offering of the module is limited to a maximum of 30 students.

Assessment:

Assessment will take the form of two short in-class tests, one mid-course and one at the end of the course. Students will be graded Pass or Fail on the basis of this work.

Outcome:

At the end of the course, participants should be more aware of appropriate paragraph structures and the correct uses of some grammatical forms such as verb tenses and connectors when writing research papers.