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# ACADEMIC WRITING IN ENGLISH



Recent developments in the internationalisation of education in Italy mean that many academic staff are now required to teach their subject in English as well as Italian. They also need to be able to write academic papers in English and assess the written work of their students in English. This presentation will look at how academic writing skills are tested in the IELTS exam, the various task types which reflect real university writing assignments and look at sample pieces of candidates' writing collected in the Cambridge Learner Corpus, suggesting how these skills can be improved with a range of practical classroom activities.

## PROGRAMME

### 9.30 - 9.45 **Opening address and introductions**

Prof. Maria Teresa Zanola. Director of Language Centre, Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore  
Prof. Maria Luisa Maggioni. Scientific Coordinator of English – Language Centre  
Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore

### 9.45 - 10.00 **Overview of British Council Examinations Services for universities**

Margaret Fowler. Director Examinations, British Council Italy

### 10.00 - 11.30 **Effective Academic Writing in English for University Lecturers and Researchers**

Guy Brook-Hart. Author, Cambridge University Press

### 11.30 - 12.00 Coffee break and book exhibition

### 12.00 - 13.00 **IELTS overview: format, recognition, administration and any questions**

Margaret Fowler. Director Examinations, British Council Italy

### 15.00 - 17.00 **How to perform to your full potential in the IELTS test – seminar for students from the Università Cattolica**

IELTS examiner trainer, British Council Italy

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