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Registration for courses	via ILIAS link in course description. Registration for externals in Switzerland: registration form
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15 September 2026



13:00 – 16:00



online



Jonathan Sarfin, PhD



Organizing Your Scientific Paper: Note-taking and Outlining for Success

This course introduces the scientific writing course series and covers the organizational skills you need to write as you do science: knowledge management, developing a workflow, finding and tracking literature, and taking and organizing notes. The course also covers outlining, an essential skill for writing while you do science and one that writers trained in formal English writing use as the basis for constructing their papers. You will come out of this course with a clear organizational plan and the skills to execute it.

Course information:

https://ilias.unibe.ch/goto_ilias3_unibe_crs_1030450.html

Direct registration link for UniBE members:

<https://ilias.unibe.ch/go/crs/1030450/rcodeGKND9DKWRy>

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22 September 2026



13:00 – 16:30



online



Sampoorna Rappaz, PhD



Improve Your Scientific Writing in English & Critical AI Skills – I: Focus on Plain Language

In this course you will learn how to write easy-to-understand, concise, and clear scientific papers and summaries for non-specialist readers by applying the principles of plain-language writing. You will learn how to use simple words and craft effective sentences to convey the context and significance of your research. You will learn how to and how not to use AI tools to improve your writing. The tips, tools, and guidelines shared in the course will help you communicate your research effectively to a broader audience: researchers from other specializations, students, healthcare professionals, patients, grant reviewers, ethics committee members, journalists, and the general public.

Course information:

<https://ilias.unibe.ch/go/crs/2794047>

Direct registration link for UniBE members:

<https://ilias.unibe.ch/go/crs/2794047/rcode56L7uLxupu>

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29 September 2026



13:00 – 16:00



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Sampoorna Rappaz, PhD



Improve Your Scientific Writing in English & Critical AI Skills – II: Focus on the Paragraph

This course focuses on writing proper paragraphs, which are the building blocks of English argumentation. It also describes how and when to use (and why not to use) AI as a writing tool. Many other languages, like German, can express complex ideas and multiple relationships within a single sentence, but good English writing requires thinking and writing in shorter sentences within a disciplined paragraph structure. This is not a simple grammar course—you will learn advanced techniques for writing and organizing excellent paragraphs into a strong and persuasive argument.

Course information:

<https://ilias.unibe.ch/go/crs/1296953>

Direct registration link for UniBE members:

<https://ilias.unibe.ch/go/crs/1296953/rcodeV5at9PBbFH>

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6 October 2026



13:00 – 16:00



online



Sampoorna Rappaz, PhD



Writing the Methods and Results Sections of a Scientific Paper

This course offers a set of evidence-based rules for writing clear and consistent Methods and Results sections, creating structure and relieving anxiety about the scientific writing process. You will learn skills and become acquainted with tools that enable you to start writing your Methods section early in your research process, and to incrementally build Results sections that match your methods. You will benefit most from this course if you are a researcher or clinician who must write articles, reports, or grant applications, whether you are working on or planning a research project.

Course information:

<https://ilias.unibe.ch/go/crs/1314731>

Direct registration link for UniBE members:

<https://ilias.unibe.ch/go/crs/1314731/rcodeqSNbzKbftW>

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13 October 2026



13:00 – 16:30



online



Sampoorna Rappaz, PhD



Writing the Narrative Sections of a Scientific Paper: The Introduction and Discussion

This course guides you through the process of writing the narrative sections—the Introduction and the Discussion—of a scientific paper, paragraph by paragraph. You'll learn what goes into an Introduction and a Discussion and what does not, when to start writing these sections, and how to trim them to meet your word count. You'll learn what literature to cite in these sections and why, and how to craft an engaging and compelling narrative arc. You'll also learn how to write ethically and how to use AI responsibly for scientific writing.

Course information:

<https://ilias.unibe.ch/go/crs/1314675>

Direct registration link for UniBE members:

<https://ilias.unibe.ch/go/crs/1314675/rcodebwqBsay4R4>

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