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**An Introduction to Academic Writing**  
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Chapter One

The 1<sup>st</sup> Lecture

## What Is Academic Writing?

Academic writing is a formal style of writing used in universities and scholarly publications. You'll encounter it in journal articles and books on academic topics, and you'll be expected to write your essays, research papers, and dissertation in academic style. Academic writing follows the same writing process as other types of texts, but it has specific conventions in terms of content, structure and style.

## What is a Paragraph?

A series of sentences that are organized and coherent, and are all related to a single topic is called Paragraph. Breaking the large sentence essay or topic into smaller pieces in a well-structured form is known as Paragraph. The lines that should include in a paragraph is at least three to five, not more. It includes topic sentences, supporting sentences as well as concluding sentences that refer to an overall structure, which is a group of sentences focusing on a single topic.

Paragraph writing is not just expressing your views about the topic in a group of sentences. It is all about structuring ideas in a clear format to make the reader fall in love with the topic and continue their studying till to an end of the topic. While writing paragraphs about any topic, it's more important to maintain the quality and flow of the paragraph than word count. Paragraphs are often thought of as a 'unit' of thought.

## Format Rules for Written Assignments

1. Handwritten assignments will only be accepted on white 8 ½ by 11" paper or in "green books."
2. Use only black ink pens and print cartridges.
3. All final drafts must be word processed. The syllabus you are

reading now is printed using the Times New Roman font. The margins on each of the four sides is 1". These are the specifications I want to see in your word-processed assignments.

4. The student's name, instructor's name, course number, and date must appear in the upper left-hand corner of the first page of every final draft.

5. Additional pages beyond the first page of every final draft should have the student's last name and the page number in the upper right-hand corner.

6. Do not submit assignments or papers in folders or with plastic covers. Staple your pages together

English Capitalization Rules:

Capitalize the First Word of a Sentence

Capitalize Names and Other Proper Nouns

Don't Capitalize After a Colon (Usually)

Capitalize the First Word of a Quote (Sometimes)

Capitalize Days, Months, and Holidays, But Not Seasons

Capitalize Most Words in Titles

Capitalize Cities, Countries, Nationalities, and Languages

Capitalize Time Periods and Events (Sometimes)

English Sentence Structure

The following statements are true about sentences in English:

- A new sentence begins with a capital letter.
- A sentence ends with punctuation (a period, a question mark, or an exclamation point).
- A sentence contains a subject that is only given once.
- A sentence contains a verb or a verb phrase.
- A sentence follows Subject + Verb + Object word order.

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A simple sentence contains a subject and a verb, and it may also

have an object and modifiers.

### Sentence Fragments

A **sentence fragment** is a sentence that is missing either its subject or its main verb.

Some sentence fragments occur as the result of simple typographical errors or omission of words. They can often be avoided with careful proofreading.

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Incorrect:       Went to the store yesterday.

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Incorrect: After the classes, the library. My life nowadays.

The first sentence above does not have a subject, and the second