

LUMES Writing Survey, Part 1

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Welcome to LUMES!

We are collaborating with the Academic Support Centre at Lund University to pilot a program of peer writing tutors as part of the Pre-Course Assignment. We would like to ask for your help in filling out this brief survey, asking about your experiences with and expectations for academic writing.

We will follow up with another survey later in the course (Part 2) to assess if you have experienced any changes after participating in this program.

Answers will be anonymous, and do not influence grades or any other aspects of the Earth Systems Science course.

If you have any questions about the survey, you can contact Kim Nicholas, kimberly.nicholas.academic@gmail.com.

Your participation should only take about 6 minutes. Thank you for your time!

1. Please rate your level of agreement with the following statements about your current knowledge of aspects of academic writing. *

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither disagree nor agree	Agree	Strongly Agree
I use writing as a tool to sort out my thoughts.	<input type="radio"/> Strongly disagree	<input type="radio"/> Disagree	<input type="radio"/> Neither disagree nor agree	<input type="radio"/> Agree	<input type="radio"/> Strongly Agree
I understand how to determine what intended readers expect of my text.	<input type="radio"/> Strongly disagree	<input type="radio"/> Disagree	<input type="radio"/> Neither disagree nor agree	<input type="radio"/> Agree	<input type="radio"/> Strongly Agree
I know what it means to build an academic argument.	<input type="radio"/> Strongly disagree	<input type="radio"/> Disagree	<input type="radio"/> Neither disagree nor agree	<input type="radio"/> Agree	<input type="radio"/> Strongly Agree

I normally use an electronic referencing system to cite references in my papers (e.g., EndNote, Mendeley, etc.).	Strongly disagree <input type="radio"/>	Disagree <input type="radio"/>	Neither disagree nor agree <input type="radio"/>	Agree <input type="radio"/>	Strongly Agree <input type="radio"/>
I know what plagiarism is.	Strongly disagree <input type="radio"/>	Disagree <input type="radio"/>	Neither disagree nor agree <input type="radio"/>	Agree <input type="radio"/>	Strongly Agree <input type="radio"/>
I know how to avoid plagiarism.	Strongly disagree <input type="radio"/>	Disagree <input type="radio"/>	Neither disagree nor agree <input type="radio"/>	Agree <input type="radio"/>	Strongly Agree <input type="radio"/>
I can paraphrase well.	Strongly disagree <input type="radio"/>	Disagree <input type="radio"/>	Neither disagree nor agree <input type="radio"/>	Agree <input type="radio"/>	Strongly Agree <input type="radio"/>
I can plan an essay and have it ready before the deadline.	Strongly disagree <input type="radio"/>	Disagree <input type="radio"/>	Neither disagree nor agree <input type="radio"/>	Agree <input type="radio"/>	Strongly Agree <input type="radio"/>
I know how to organize a text to be logical and effective.	Strongly disagree <input type="radio"/>	Disagree <input type="radio"/>	Neither disagree nor agree <input type="radio"/>	Agree <input type="radio"/>	Strongly Agree <input type="radio"/>
I expect to revise a piece of writing many times before I feel it's finished.	Strongly disagree <input type="radio"/>	Disagree <input type="radio"/>	Neither disagree nor agree <input type="radio"/>	Agree <input type="radio"/>	Strongly Agree <input type="radio"/>

2. Please rate your level of agreement with the following statements about your experience of and views on writing. *

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither disagree nor agree	Agree	Strongly Agree
I have practiced academic writing in English a lot.	<input type="radio"/> Strongly disagree	<input type="radio"/> Disagree	<input type="radio"/> Neither disagree nor agree	<input type="radio"/> Agree	<input type="radio"/> Strongly Agree
I have practiced academic writing in a language other than English a lot.	<input type="radio"/> Strongly disagree	<input type="radio"/> Disagree	<input type="radio"/> Neither disagree nor agree	<input type="radio"/> Agree	<input type="radio"/> Strongly Agree
I feel confident I can clearly express myself writing in English.	<input type="radio"/> Strongly disagree	<input type="radio"/> Disagree	<input type="radio"/> Neither disagree nor agree	<input type="radio"/> Agree	<input type="radio"/> Strongly Agree
I feel confident in my critical thinking skills.	<input type="radio"/> Strongly disagree	<input type="radio"/> Disagree	<input type="radio"/> Neither disagree nor agree	<input type="radio"/> Agree	<input type="radio"/> Strongly Agree
I enjoy the process of writing.	<input type="radio"/> Strongly disagree	<input type="radio"/> Disagree	<input type="radio"/> Neither disagree nor agree	<input type="radio"/> Agree	<input type="radio"/> Strongly Agree
I enjoy having written.	<input type="radio"/> Strongly disagree	<input type="radio"/> Disagree	<input type="radio"/> Neither disagree nor agree	<input type="radio"/> Agree	<input type="radio"/> Strongly Agree
I enjoy receiving feedback on my writing.	<input type="radio"/> Strongly disagree	<input type="radio"/> Disagree	<input type="radio"/> Neither disagree nor agree	<input type="radio"/> Agree	<input type="radio"/> Strongly Agree
I think that writing is an important part of the learning process.	<input type="radio"/> Strongly disagree	<input type="radio"/> Disagree	<input type="radio"/> Neither disagree nor agree	<input type="radio"/> Agree	<input type="radio"/> Strongly Agree

I think that writing will be important to my success in my master's program.	<input type="radio"/> Strongly disagree	<input type="radio"/> Disagree	<input type="radio"/> Neither disagree nor agree	<input type="radio"/> Agree	<input type="radio"/> Strongly Agree
I think that my writing abilities will be important to my success in getting a job after graduation.	<input type="radio"/> Strongly disagree	<input type="radio"/> Disagree	<input type="radio"/> Neither disagree nor agree	<input type="radio"/> Agree	<input type="radio"/> Strongly Agree
I think that my writing abilities will be important in my future career.	<input type="radio"/> Strongly disagree	<input type="radio"/> Disagree	<input type="radio"/> Neither disagree nor agree	<input type="radio"/> Agree	<input type="radio"/> Strongly Agree

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In your own words, please share your response to the following questions.

3. What do you enjoy most about writing?

4. What is the biggest struggle for you with writing?

5. What are your goals for your writing during the LUMES program?


6. Is there anything else you'd like to tell us about your writing?

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These last few questions are strictly for classification purposes to help us analyze the survey responses. There will be no linking of individual responses to any LUMES courses or grades.

7. In what field was your bachelor's degree? *

Arts and Humanities	
Business	
Engineering	
Natural Sciences or Mathematics	
Social Sciences	
Interdisciplinary/Other (Please specify below)	

8. What was the subject title of your bachelor's degree? (e.g., Sociology, Sustainability Science, Mechanical Engineering, etc.)

9. Is English your first language? *

Yes
No
I learned English at the same time as another language

10. Have you studied in English before coming to LUMES? *

Yes, my bachelor's degree was taught entirely in English.
Yes, some of my bachelor's degree was taught in English.
Yes, I have participated in a study abroad or other exchange program where I studied in Eng
No, I have not been part of an academic program taught in English before.

11. What is your gender? (e.g., Female, Male, ...) *