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Introduction to Academic Writing

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An important route into the BA (Hons) in Primary Education and BA (Hons) in Secondary Education (Maths and SEND)

A great opportunity

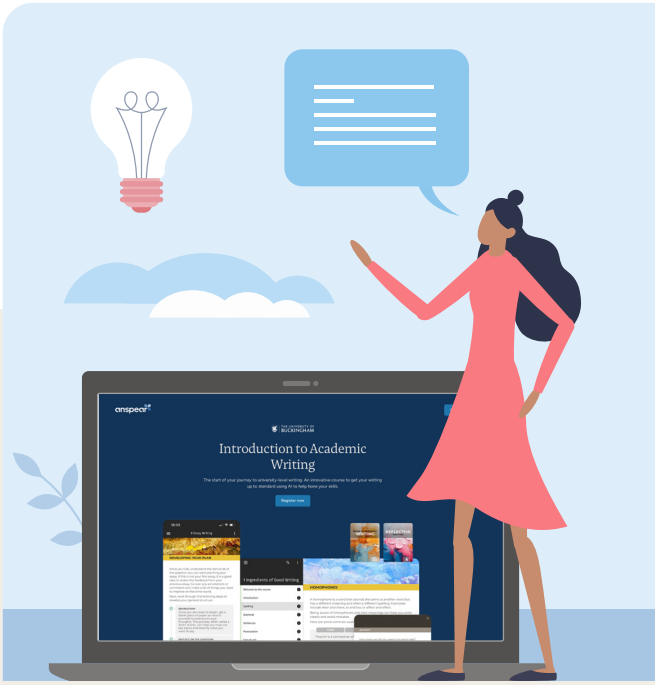
The University is keen to build on the success of the **BA (Hons) in Primary Education** and **BA (Hons) in Secondary Education (Maths and SEND)** which offer teaching assistants (TAs) and others in similar roles, the chance to gain a degree without leaving work and then qualify as teachers.

The *Introduction to Academic Writing* course can enable potential candidates without the two A-Levels (or equivalents) normally required, to qualify for the degree courses. It is designed to help prepare learners for academic study at a higher level and to complete longer pieces of writing. At the same time it will enable those without Level 3 qualifications to demonstrate their capacity to succeed on a degree course.

Course timing

Running for 14 weeks, the course can be completed in time for successful participants to apply for the BA (Hons) programme starting in **June 2027**.

Next course start dates are: **September 2026** and **January 2027**.



Course structure and features

The units making up the course are progressive and assist participants who may have been away from formal education for some time.

The **Introduction to Academic Writing** course will be delivered through a combination of:

- Online course content (also available offline on smart devices)
- Online lectures
- Podcasts
- Writing activities with AI-driven feedback
- Formal written assessments marked by University staff

Cost

To make the course more accessible to a wider range of possible participants the cost has been held down to **£480 inc VAT**.