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## Writing Tutor Ole Kreuzsaler about the book

### Who is the book aimed at?

This handbook is for undergraduate and postgraduate international students of all disciplines who want to learn more about the fundamentals of academic writing. The book actively engages readers both in the classroom and during self-study with a series of exercises.

### What topics are addressed?

The book covers different stages of the writing process; finding literature, reading methods, note-taking, referencing, writing and organizing paragraphs. The other chapters deal with elements of writing and different text types. Non-native speaking students may find the chapters on language issues and writing vocabulary particularly helpful to deal with frequent challenges of writing in English and to become more familiar with formal vocabulary.

### Conclusion about the use for studying

The book is well-organized and easy to understand for undergraduate students. Every chapter starts with an outline, then gives theoretical input which is accompanied by practice parts. Offering many of exercise, the book is designed for active engagement. However, even when skipping the exercises, students are encouraged to reflect on their existing knowledge of the topics discussed. The chapters on language issues and vocabulary for writing are especially helpful for non-native speakers. One negative point is that some exercises are designed for groups in classroom use and not for self-study.