Peking University

National School of Development

Syllabus

Paper Writing in English

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Lecture Hours: Mon 13:00-14:50 (periods 5-6), the first eight weeks of the term

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Office Hours: 13:00 Wednesday. Please email me in advance.

Textbook:

*Style: Toward clarity and grace*, by Joseph Williams, University of Chicago Press.

Grading:

Class participation (50%)

Class paper (50%)

Class Overview

This class aims to lay a strong foundation for paper writing in Economics, and particularly in English. The first lecture will be devoted to discussing the structure and principles of writing a good paper in Economics. Following the first lecture, students will choose economic papers to analyze and present to the class. Each student will both present a paper (assuming the role of an author) and criticize a paper (assuming the role of a discussant), focusing on paper structure and clarity. Using the principals learned in class each student will write and submit a 7-12 pages long paper in English, on a social-science topic, by April 30th.