

At the Institute of English all students take three *Linguistics tutorials* and three *Literature tutorials* during their second year of the B.A. program. For each of the six courses students are required to write one research paper—as partial requirement to complete the course, as well as to gain extensive writing practice, and a better understanding of the requirements of academic genres and register. The specifications of the research paper assignment are as follows:

- Students are required to write a paper for each of the six tutorial courses they take in the second year.
- For every course, each student picks one of the topics provided by the instructor, or—at the instructor’s consent—negotiates his or her own suggestion.
- Required length of each paper is 7,000 to 9,000 characters in the fall semester, and 11,000 to 13,000 characters in the spring semester.
- Depending on the discipline, papers follow respective formal requirements for academic papers given on the Institute’s website.
- Instructors are encouraged to delegate assistance with the students’ writing processes to English wRiting Improvement Center, and are requested to direct students to make an appointment with an ERIC tutor as early in the writing process as possible, rather than when the paper is finished.
- Instructors assess the papers using the assessment scheme given on the Institute’s website.
- Students need to receive a passing grade for the paper in order to earn credit for the course.
- The grade for the paper accounts for 40 to 50 per cent of the final grade for the course.
- Any detected case of plagiarism incurs a failing grade for the paper. Students who commit academic dishonesty are not allowed to re-write the paper and irrevocably fail the course.

Please address all comments and suggestions concerning the second year research paper assignment to Łukasz Salski, the Institute’s writing program coordinator.