

**COURSE TITLE:** Pràctiques de redacció

**SEMESTER:** A

**COURSE TEACHER:** Néstor Cuartero / Conkurs

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF CONTENT:**

This course aims to develop student's academic writing ability to an advanced level. We will be focusing both on the PROCESS (how?) and on the PRODUCT (what?) of writing; that is, the course will introduce students to the techniques of writing step by step, such as selecting a topic, narrowing it down, developing ideas, revising and editing; at the same time, we will analyze different patterns of written English, such as argumentative writing, describing, cause and effect, comparison and contrast as well as summarizing.

**BIBLIOGRAPHY:**

Required textbooks:

- Fawcett, S. & Sandberg, A. 1996. *Evergreen*. Houghton Mifflin.
- *Writing Skills*. Exercise and Reading Packet. UAB.
- A thesaurus. These are some recommendations:
  - Language Activator*. 1993. Longman.
  - Roget's Thesaurus*. Harper & Row.

**OBSERVATIONS:**

This course's organization will be based on five different tasks: class discussions based on the assigned readings; in-class assignments to be done individually, in pairs or in groups; homework assignments; one writing project you will be working on throughout the course; a final exam. Your grade will be determined by your in-class and homework assignments and your participation, your writing project and a final exam.