Academic writing course – some student feedback

Comments from a native speaker:

My general comment is that the class is certainly very useful, even for native speakers. The content was well organised, and the instructor was fantastic. She always went above and beyond to assist, and readily made herself available even outside of the teaching hours.

In terms of substantive content, the focus on ‘academic writing’ mainly dealt with stylistic issues, which is certainly great for young academics. However, for me personally, it would be nice to have someone give us some training on academic document editing/formatting – things like proper use of footnotes/endnotes, reference/citation styles, use of terms such as ‘supra’/‘infra’/‘ibid’, etc.

Overall, while I didn’t necessarily learn anything new about the English language per se, the short course gave structure to things that I knew already. This would help me greatly in my own teaching activities, and also when my colleagues call upon me to provide advice as a native English speaker.

Other comments:

The Academic Writing Skills course is not just about how to write correctly in English but also about how to structure your paragraphs (the teacher gives a clear structure about how a paragraph should look like), how to reduce or enlarge the volume of a paragraph and how to write in a formal academic style. For me personally the course was very useful and I was positively surprised with its content. You should definitely take the course!

The final individual session with the instructor provided me with the opportunity to tackle my own individual challenges as an aspiring academic writer.