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In this reflective essay i will be writing about some of my experiences in university taking academic skills courses. The main subject for me in the academic skills course is academic writing. I will explain in detail what impact it had on me and what expectations I have from this course, and the fact that I understood how important it is in the future so that I can become a good professional. Everything about the course is important, but I'm going to focus on what was most impactful for me, namely academic writing, because I think it's very important in your development as a professional to be able to communicate like one.

When I started the academic skills course, I thought it would be easier to understand. Still, along the way, I realized that it was challenging and very complicated because there are so many things to consider, for example, academic writing; I have not been accustomed to this type of writing and did not know the basics of academic writing. Just as I had difficulties with academic writing, everything I learned on the academic skills course was something new and very different for me. However, from all the skills we learned so far in academic skills, I find academic writing the most challenging for me. It is important to understand that I have never written in a professional context. But what is academic writing? According to Smith (2025)? Academic writing is a form of writing which we use to communicate ideas and research to the academic

community and to be taken seriously, we must use the proper form of professional writing, which is academic writing.

When we started the course, I was excited and very nervous about my new journey. The first classes were easy to understand until we started learning about academic writing. Immediately I realized academic writing is very different from what I expected and much harder than I believed. I used to believe that when writing a paper, it is just writing and was not aware of the form and the use of proper words for example, we cannot use abbreviations. In class our teacher explained very well everything we need to know about academic writing. However, I believe it is easier to understand than to do it as we practiced many times in class to write small texts using academic writing and to be honest, I was not surprised by the fact that I made many mistakes even in a small text. I am happy to say that I find it challenging and started to learn now at least how it is done, and I hope in the future to be able to write a proper academic paper. There are many other skills I need to learn but right now I will focus on academic writing because I believe it to be the most important part of our academic skills course. According to **Irvin (2010)** academic writing is most important as it is needed to communicate clearly and in a professional manner and not writing in this style it suggests that it was written by someone who is not a professional and has not done his research especially if references are not used. References are extremely important as well in writing any kind of paper. As hard as I find the academic writing I am extremely happy to be able to learn how to write professionally, this will be helpful in the future where I can use it in my job or any other jobs I may have in the future and also can help with my own business if I will become a business owner without doubt this skill will be helpful in writing proper reports and other forms of papers required in business or work. Most students I have engaged with have struggled with academic writing and it is my opinion that this is a skill which we develop and master over a serious amount of time and it cannot be learned in just a few short months of a course. However

I intend to pursue the course as long as possible because I am convinced that this course will be helpful in the future and I hope to be able to learn all the skills that are taught in academic skills course because all of them are interesting and will be helpful but I have to say academic writing is my favorite and I will continue to practice and pay attention in class.

In conclusion, all academic skills seem hard at the beginning of the course, especially if we have never learned about them or used them anywhere. However, the skills are very interesting and important and if we really want, we can learn each of them without any problems. It will take time but i believe everyone should make them for them when it comes to improving themselves and their skills, especially learning skills that will help in our professional life as workers or business owners. Overall, I am happy to take this course and hope to be successful in completing it and continue with academic skills which are numerous and hope to master every one of them. I am excited to start another journey next semester and improve myself by learning all the skills taught in this course.

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