PLANIT TEACHERS

Academic Discourse Development Workshop

Initial Assessment & Communication Baseline (15 minutes)

Before we begin developing advanced academic discourse skills, let's establish your current communication patterns and preferences.

1. Self-Assessment of Academic Communication:

Rate your confidence level (1-5) in the following areas:

Skill Area	Rating (1-5)	Example of Use
Academic Vocabulary		
Critical Analysis		
Evidence Integration		

Academic Vocabulary Enhancement (25 minutes)

Part 1: Term Analysis

Match each academic discourse term with its application:

1. Dialectical Discussion	
2. Metacognition	
3. Rhetorical Strategy	

Part 2: Application Exercise

Create an academic discussion scenario using at least three terms from above:

Critical Analysis Development (30 minutes)

Read the following academic excerpt and complete the analytical framework:

"The integration of digital technologies in higher education has fundamentally altered the landscape of academic discourse, necessitating a reevaluation of traditional pedagogical approaches and communication methodologies."

1. Identify the main claim:

2. List supporting arguments:

3. Evaluate the implications:

4. Propose counter-arguments:

Structured Academic Discussion Practice (40 minutes)

Discussion Framework Development

Choose one of the following topics and develop a structured academic response:

- The role of artificial intelligence in academic research
- The future of traditional university lectures
- The impact of social media on academic discourse

Component	Your Response
Thesis Statement	

Supporting Evidence #1	
Supporting Evidence #2	
Counter-Argument	
Rebuttal	

Peer Review and Feedback Session

Exchange your discussion framework with a partner and provide constructive feedback:

Evaluation Criteria:

Criteria	Rating (1-5)	Comments
Clarity of Argument		
Evidence Quality		
Academic Language		

Advanced Academic Discourse Strategies (45 minutes)

Rhetorical Techniques in Academic Discussion

Exercise 1: Rhetorical Device Implementation

Device	Definition	Your Example
Anaphora	Repetition at the beginning of successive clauses	
Chiasmus	Inverted parallelism	
Syllogism	Deductive reasoning structure	

Exercise 2: Complex Argument Construction

1. Primary Claim Development:

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2. Evidence Integration:

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3. Counterargument Anticipation:

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Research Integration Techniques (35 minutes)

Citation and Integration Exercise

Analyze the following research excerpt and practice integration methods:

> "Recent studies indicate that metacognitive awareness in academic discourse significantly impacts learning outcomes across disciplines (Johnson et al., 2023)."

Integration Method	Your Integration
Direct Quotation	
Paraphrase	
Synthesis	

Collaborative Academic Discussion (50 minutes)

Structured Academic Debate Format

Topic: The Impact of Artificial Intelligence on Academic Research Integrity

Discussion Phase	Key Points	Time
Opening Statements		5 min
Evidence Presentation		10 min

Rebuttal		8 min
Synthesis		7 min

Academic Discussion Protocols

- Use evidence-based argumentation
- Employ academic vocabulary appropriately
- Acknowledge and respond to counter-arguments
- Maintain professional discourse etiquette

Metacognitive Reflection (30 minutes)

Personal Development Analysis

1. How has your academic discourse evolved during this workshop?

2. Which strategies have been most effective for you?

3. What areas still need development?

Final Assessment and Action Planning (40 minutes)

Progress Evaluation Matrix

Skill Area	Initial Level	Current Level	Growth Evidence
Academic Vocabulary			
Critical Analysis			
Evidence Integration			

Development Action Plan

Goal	Action Steps	Timeline	Success Criteria

Workshop Reflection and Next Steps

Personal Development Goals:

Based on today's workshop, identify three specific areas for improvement:

Goal	Action Steps	Timeline

Workshop Takeaways:

Additional Resources:

Academic Writing Center - www.academicwriting.edu

Discourse Development Guide

Vocabulary Enhancement Tools