

Academic Writing for Composing Study Objectives and Research Proposals

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What Is Expected from a Research Proposal

- Your research proposal should take the form of a short academic paper.
- Any academic writing should find an appropriate entry point to a wider academic discourse.
- The entry point is the kind of work being done by the faculty members of the institution you are vying.

So,

what you are offering in your research proposal should attract interest of others,

but you must show genuine concern for the issue and convincing urgency for its study.

What Is Expected from English 101

This course is designed to introduce students to critical thinking, reading, and writing skills required in the university and beyond. It will focus on writing effective, well-argued essays through writing exercises, reading sample essays, and continuous revision of assigned essays. Students will learn to use personal experiences (their own as well as other peoples) and external sources (print and non-print) as material for their work. Upon completion of the course, students are expected to demonstrate the ability to:

- Engage in writing as a recursive process.
- Use writing and reading for learning, thinking, and communicating.
- Respond to the needs of various audiences.
- Discuss appropriate voice, tone, and level of formality.
- Integrate their ideas with those of others.

What Is Expected from English 101

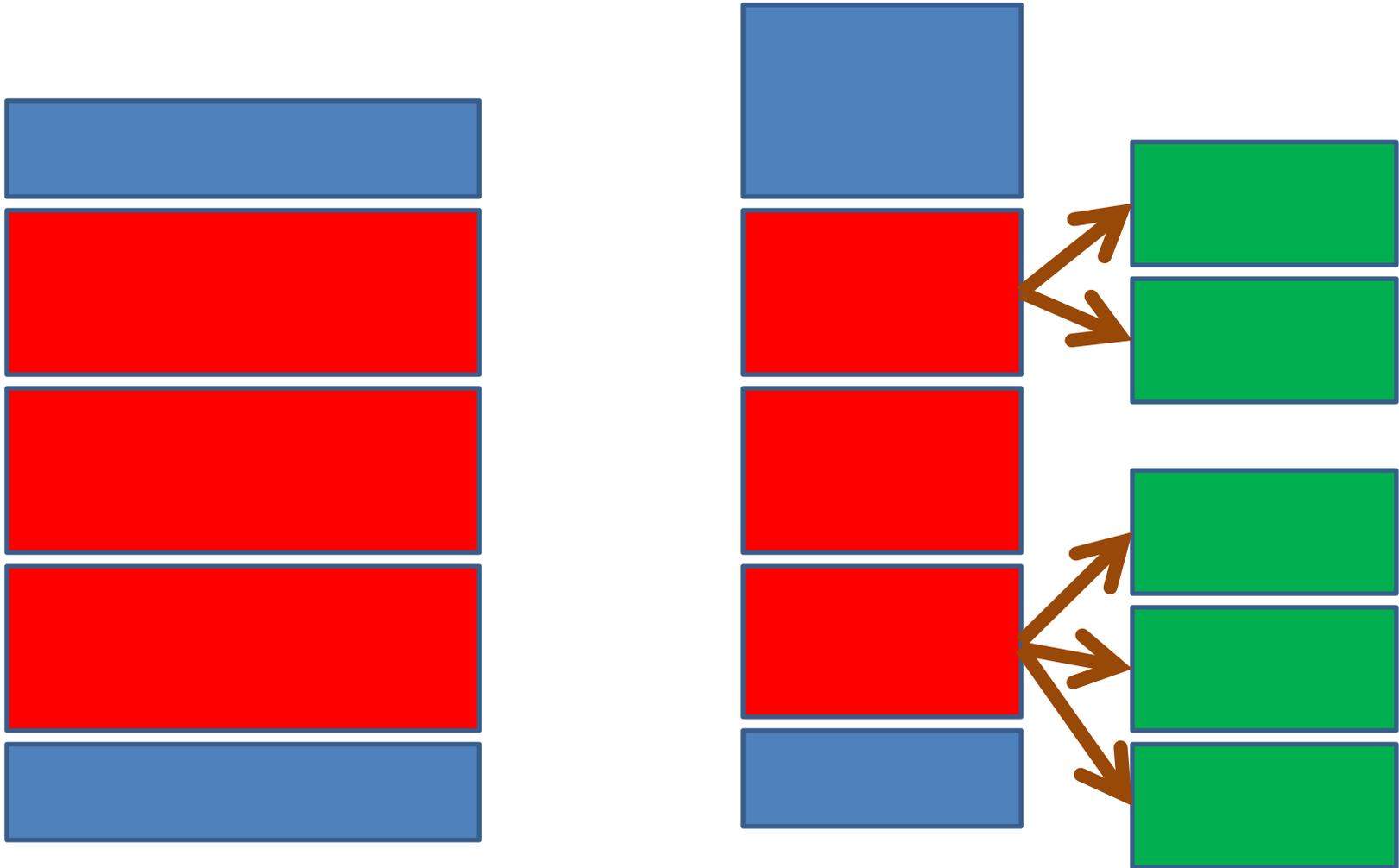
- An academic paper is expected to have a thesis statement.
- A thesis statement is expected to be supplemented by three supporting ideas.
- The supporting ideas serve as topic sentences appearing as the first sentences in the following paragraphs
- The thesis statement is expected to appear in the first paragraph.
- A transformed version of the thesis statement is expected to reappear in the concluding paragraph.

Your research proposal should include:

- Thesis statement
- Context in which your thesis is situated
- Description of the object of analysis
- References to work done by others
- Method, methodology, and/or approach by which you are addressing the issue/object
- Hypothesized findings

(All of these points may have buts.)

The General Structure of an Essay



Argument as Problematization

- An academic paper must take the form of a thesis-driven argumentative essay.
- An academic argument must problematize existing conditions.
- The occurrence of problematization in a paper can be ensured by having buts, however, and on-the-one-hand-on-the-others in the essay, especially in the first paragraph.

Let's try.

Study Objective

- The Study Objective is a combination of a personal essay and work plan:

YOU HAVE TO SHOW WHY IT IS IMPORTANT FOR YOU PERSONALLY AND PROFESSIONALLY TO CONTINUE YOUR STUDIES.

- It is easier to do if you show your **honest concern** in your field and that you **actually believe** in the **urgency** of addressing particular academic problems.

Your Study Objective should include:

- Why you need to develop your academic/professional capacity (not because of some administrative obligation).
- Why you need to do so in a particular U.S. institution, and how your proposed research fits its profile.
- How your academic/professional advancement may support you envisioned contribution your field, the institution in which you are employed, and Indonesia society as a whole.

Your Study Objective should include:

- Do not hesitate to integrate a depiction of your existing experience, contribution to and/or involvement in your field.
- This may include a description of the kind of network you have built so far in your professional circles.
- Neither should you refrain from stating what you believe you have to offer to the particular academic discussion into which you would like enter by continuing your studies.

**Do not take my word for it:
initiate and maintain
correspondence with a faculty
member to make sure your
writing conforms with the
expectations of the institution
where you wish to study.**