

Summary of evaluation reports for the Ph.D. course "SOS9032 – Peer-reviewing and getting published in international journals 2024".

Overall, participants found the course highly relevant, practical, and engaging. One student described it as the "Best course I have completed at UIO so far". The unanimous positive feedback highlighted its hands-on approach, which focused on the students' own papers and provided direct experience with the peer-review process. A key strength was its structure, which was described as "Highly relevant, hands-on, easy to follow, small class and interactive, and focused on the emotional aspect as well as the practical about the peer review process".

The course structure received specific praise for its organization over four months, which participants felt "worked very well". This extended timeline provided students with enough time between sessions to write and revise their articles, acting as a "great motivator". The blend of lectures, group discussions, and guest speaker presentations was also appreciated, as it incorporated information and perspectives from multiple sources. The presence of two different teachers was noted as a particular benefit for gaining multiple perspectives.

Suggestions for improvement were constructive and focused on small adjustments. Several students suggested incorporating more perspectives, specifically from qualitative researchers, to hear about practical experiences from different fields. One commented, "It could even have been one more, maybe a qualitative researcher if there are any differences in how to think about the review process". Other suggestions included tailoring feedback groups more by topic or method, providing slightly more information before the final session, and adjusting the schedule on the last day, which some felt had too much discussion time. A desire for this course to be offered at the faculty level was also mentioned.

Finally, the vast majority of participants found out about the course through an e-mail advertisement. One student noted the course's high value, stating, "This course is just so much more useful than the course on international publishing".