What is academic writing?

Academic writing is the type of writing you should be doing in the academy, in other words, the university. Regardless of your major, you have to have a scientific approach to writing. That means you are no more writing to express your opinions but arguments or findings that are based on research.

Research is important as you are not the only person who has written in your topic and you should know what has been written before you. You illustrate your research in developing your ideas, in displaying the objectivity of your ideas and above all in demonstrating that you are aware of different opinions, ideas, arguments and body of literature in your major/topic.