**Session #1: Course Introduction & Technology Basics**

**Course goals**

1. Learn how to learn academic vocabulary
2. Learn how to use corpus tools to learn academic vocabulary
3. Learn academic vocabulary
4. Learn how to improve vocabulary use with corpus tools

**Justification for course goals**

1. Approach to vocabulary learning depends on:

* Which words you need to learn 🡪 1K, 2K, academic vocabulary, low-frequency words
* Which way is best to learn the words you need to learn

1. Academic vocabulary consists of:

* domain-specific vocabulary
* sub-technical vocabulary

1. Words are best learned through a combination of:

* reading/listening for meaning
* speaking/writing for meaning
* focused learning
* fluency development

**Course plan**

1. Lecture and demonstration on how to learn vocabulary with corpus tools
2. In-class practice in learning vocabulary in context
3. Independent vocabulary learning within a given policy field
4. Weekly contribution to class Wordbank

**Final assignment**

1. Develop “Statement of the Problem” into “Introduction”
2. Give a presentation on the learning episode of a particular academic word