



Learning Centre

Timetable

Summer Program 2010

11 January - 5 February 2010

Registration online Mon 4 January 2010

<http://www.usyd.edu.au/lc>

- Registration for these workshops opens on Monday 4 January 2010.
- You cannot register before this date.
- You must register online at the Learning Centre website: <http://www.usyd.edu.au/lc>
- There is a limit to the number of places available in each workshop.
- Workshops are open to all enrolled University of Sydney students.
- Workshops are free of charge.
- Contact the Learning Centre:
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Academic Reading and Writing Skills

Foundations of Grammar

Course No. 3035

Mon 11, Tue 12, Wed 13 and Thur 14 January 10am-12noon (8 hours)

Target group: all students. This course looks at four basic areas of English grammar (sentence structure, verb groups, verb tenses and noun groups) from the point of view of the academic reader and writer. It will build your understanding of grammatical terminology and description. Please bring a sample of your course reading, and a sample of your writing.

Functional Grammar for Academic Writing

Course No. 3036

Mon 1, Tue 2, Wed 3, Thur 4 and Fri 5 February 10am-12noon (10 hours)

Target group: all students. Builds on "Foundations of Grammar" and looks at the resources of the English clause for expressing meaning through grammatical choices. Suitable for students who have completed Grammar for Academic Study (1) or for those who can demonstrate a sound knowledge of the terminology and description of English grammar in a short diagnostic test (please contact the Learning Centre). Please bring a sample of your reading, and a sample of your writing.

Clearer Writing

Course No. 3037

Mon 11, Tue 12, Wed 13 and Thur 14 January 12noon-2pm (8 hours)

Target group: all students. Bring: draft of current writing. Aims to make explicit the linking structures in English which make writing clear and logical and includes writing practice in using these structures.

Introduction to Critical Writing

Course No. 3038

Thur 21 January 10am-1pm & 2-5pm (6 hours)

Target group: all students/first year students. Covers developing and demonstrating a critical perspective within essays and critical reviews. Includes examples and writing practice with focus on structure and language features.

Quoting, Summarising and Paraphrasing Evidence

Course No. 3039

Mon 25 January 10am-1pm (3 hours)

Target group: all students/first year students. Helps you to identify the differences between quoting and reporting, and gives practice in language strategies to help avoid plagiarism.

Writing in an Academic Style

Course No. 3040

Fri 22 January 10am-1pm and 2-5pm (6 hours)

Target group: undergraduates, Masters coursework. Bring: draft of current writing. Focuses on some of the characteristics of successful academic writing across all disciplines, e.g. formality, objectivity, conciseness and impersonality.

Language Strategies for Referring to Evidence

Course No. 3041

Mon 18 January 12noon-2pm (2 hours)

Target group: all students/first year students. Focuses on the range of grammatical structures, reporting verbs and tenses that are available, and presents guidelines for choosing appropriately.

Introduction to Critical Reading

Course No. 3042

Wed 27 January 10am-1pm (3 hours)

Target group: undergraduates. Bring: example of course reading. Introduces process of critical thinking and reading, practises strategies for evaluating and asking critical questions about readings.

Reading Strategies

Course No. 3043

Mon 18 January 9am-12noon (3 hours)

Target group: undergraduates. Practises basic strategies of skimming and scanning.

Essay Writing

Course No. 3044

Mon 1, Tue 2, Wed 3 and Thur 4 February

1-4pm (12 hours)
Target group: all students/first year students. Covers characteristics of persuasive analytical essays for social science and humanities. Focuses on developing an analytical argument and incorporating evidence.

SHORT ESSAY WRITING COURSES

These four courses cover the same areas as the twelve hour essay writing workshop.

Developing an Argument

Course No. 3045

Fri 15 January 10am-1pm (3 hours)

Target group: undergraduates, first year, Masters coursework. Focuses on developing an argument by synthesising, evaluating and presenting evidence from relevant literature to substantiate a point of view.

Analysing an Assignment Question

Course No. 3046

Fri 15 January 2-4pm (2 hours)

Target group: undergraduates, first year, Masters coursework. Provides strategies for identifying the focus of the question and investigating how the wording of a question affects the structure of the response.

Planning an Assignment

Course No. 3047

Wed 20 January 1-3pm (2 hours)

Target group: undergraduates, first year, Masters coursework. Covers the planning and structure of common written assignments.

Analytical Writing

Course No. 3048

Wed 20 January 10am-12noon (2 hours)

Target group: undergraduates, first year, Masters coursework. Looks at the differences between analytical and descriptive writing, and the process involved in developing an analytical approach to ideas and information.

Study Skills

Managing Time

Course No. 3049

Tue 19 January 1-3pm (2 hours)

Target group: undergraduates. Bring: timetable, course outlines and assessment tasks (if available). Examines current (mis)use of time and practises setting goals, prioritising tasks and planning at semester, weekly and daily levels.

Postgraduate Program

Writing a Thesis Proposal

Course No. 3050

Tue 19 January 9am-12noon (3 hours)

Target group: Masters by research, doctoral students. Bring: sample proposal from your department (if available). Provides an overview of the proposal with particular emphasis on the introductory stage and the expression of aims, research questions and hypotheses.

Writing a Literature Review

Course No. 3051

Thur 28 January 10am-1pm & 2-5pm (6 hours)

Target group: Masters by research, doctoral students. Bring: 4 or 5 research articles relevant to topic, literature review from own field. Examines purpose of review as well as structuring, synthesising and evaluating the literature.

Critical Writing at Postgraduate Level

Course No. 3052

Fri 29 January 10am-1pm and 2-5pm (6 hours)

Target group: postgraduate students. Bring: example of reading and own critical writing.

Presents an overview of writing which demands a critical orientation and useful language resources.

The Process of Getting a Journal Article Published

Course No. 3053

Mon 25 January 2-4pm (2 hours)

Target group: Master by research, doctoral students. Bring: style guides of relevant journals.

Covers issues to do with getting published, such as choosing the journal, authorship, and reviewers' feedback.

Writing a Journal Article in the Sciences

Course No. 3054

Wed 27 January 2-5pm (3 hours)

Target group: Masters by research, doctoral students writing up their research for publication. Bring: draft of an article you're working on or a relevant journal article.

Introduction to the structure and language of scientific journal articles.

W.E.L.L. (Workshops for English Language and Learning)

(non English speaking background students)

Grammar Clinic for Editing and Proofreading

Course No. 3055

Mon 11, Tue 12, Wed 13 and Thur 14 January 2-5pm

Target group: postgraduate students from a non English speaking background. Bring: Draft of current writing. Practices identifying and correcting common grammatical errors using mixed discipline peer groups.

Workshops planned for 2010

March/April Program

Monday 22 March - Thursday 23 April

Registration : Monday 15 March

Honours Program

Tues 6 April - Fri 9 April

Registration: Monday 15 March

Exam Preparation

Monday 10 May - Friday 11 June

Registration: Monday 3 May

Gradfest - Postgraduate Program

Monday 21 June - Friday 16 July

Registration: 14 June

August/September Program

Monday 9 August - Friday 17 September

Registration: 2 August

Honours Program

Monday 27 September - Friday 1 October

Registration: Monday 20 September

Exam Preparation

Monday 18 October - Friday 29 October

Registration: Monday 11 October

Gradfest - Postgraduate Program

Monday 15 November - Friday 10 December

Registration: Monday 8 November

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