

# DESCRIPTIONS

## LIBRARY SESSIONS (30 MINUTES)

### LIBRARY ESSENTIALS FOR SEMESTER 2

Start strong this semester and find out more about our range of services, facilities and resources available in the Library to help support you with your studies.

### GETTING STARTED WITH YOUR ASSIGNMENTS

Find out how to break down your assignment in just a few easy steps. Define your topic, plan your search, locate the right material and save your results.

### REFERENCING 101

Recognise the key elements of referencing and how to avoid plagiarism. Review practical examples and styles including in-text citations and paraphrasing in your writing.

### SUPPORTING YOUR ESSAY WRITING: FOR TAUGHT MA STUDENTS

Learn more about defining the key elements of your topic and scope of the essay; how to plan your search using our Research Cycle; how to identify the best places to find information (choosing a database).

### NAVIGATING THE THESIS: STEPS TO STRUCTURE & FIND SOURCES

This session is aimed at final year students who are completing a dissertation, thesis or longer piece of writing. Support and guidance will be provided on how to plan and structure your writing and the most effective approach to finding the right sources.

## COUNSELLING SESSIONS (45 MINUTES)

### WHAT'S ON OFFER

Session will focus on how the various supports and resources provided by Counselling Service Supports and Student Services can help you make the most of this semester.

### YOGA FOR WELLBEING

Experiential session that will focus on how yoga can help alleviate stress and build confidence.

## TECHNOLOGY SESSIONS (45 MINUTES)

### TECHNOLOGY FOR WRITING

Join this session to learn how you can use technology to write essays/ assignments/theses efficiently while minimising distractions.

### TECHNOLOGY FOR READING

Sometimes documents, handouts or webpages can be difficult to read. Join this session to learn how to use different technology tools to read faster and more productively.

### TECHNOLOGY FOR TAKING AND ORGANISING NOTES

Working through lots of study material can feel overwhelming. Join this session to learn how to organise notes digitally. Become organised and prepared for exams and assignments!

## WRITING CENTRE SESSIONS (45 MINUTES)

### ACADEMIC WRITING: INTRODUCTIONS AND STRUCTURING

This session will discuss the importance of writing a strong introduction and how to best structure a piece of academic writing. We will explore some strategies for crafting a good introduction and structuring your writing.

### ACADEMIC WRITING: CRITICAL ANALYSIS AND CRITICAL WRITING

What does it mean to write 'critically'? This session will explore the meaning of 'critical writing' and discuss why critical analysis is central to academic writing.

### ACADEMIC WRITING: EVALUATING SOURCES

Your academic writing is part of a larger academic 'conversation' – in your writing, you will draw on the work of other people to support the claims that you are making. It is important that the work you cite is credible and trustworthy. This session will focus on the evaluation of secondary sources and the ways in which you can distinguish between a reliable and an unreliable source.

### ACADEMIC WRITING: BUILDING AN ARGUMENT

An argument is central to any piece of academic writing you create – you are trying to persuade the reader of a perspective or make the case for a certain approach. This session will look at ways of building a persuasive and coherent argument.

### ACADEMIC WRITING: REFERENCING: WHY AND HOW?

This session will discuss the importance of referencing in your academic writing. In addition to the 'how' of referencing, we will explore the 'why' – why is it important to give credit to the writers whose work you are building on in your writing?

### ACADEMIC WRITING: CONCLUSIONS

A strong, compelling ending is an important part of any piece of writing. This session will discuss the elements of a good conclusion and how to ensure you have done your argument justice with a strong finish.

# LIBRARY & INFORMATION SKILLS TUTORIALS

# 2024

SEMESTER 2

FEBRUARY - MARCH



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## WEEK 1 | 26<sup>TH</sup> February - 1<sup>ST</sup> March

MON 26<sup>TH</sup>

- 10.00 *Academic Writing:*  
Introductions and Structuring
- 14.00 Library Essentials for Semester 2

TUES 27<sup>TH</sup>

- 14.00 *Academic Writing:*  
Introductions and Structuring

WED 28<sup>TH</sup>

- 11.00 Library Essentials for Semester 2
- 15.00 Technology for Reading

THURS 29<sup>TH</sup>

- 10.00 Library Essentials for Semester 2
- 14.00 *Academic Writing:*  
Critical Analysis and Critical Writing
- 15.00 Yoga for Wellbeing

FRI 1<sup>ST</sup>

- 10.00 *Academic Writing:*  
Critical Analysis and Critical Writing

## WEEK 2 | 4<sup>TH</sup> - 8<sup>TH</sup> March

MON 4<sup>TH</sup>

- 11.00 Getting Started with Your Assignments
- 14.00 What's on Offer:  
Counselling Service

TUES 5<sup>TH</sup>

- 10.00 *Academic Writing:*  
Evaluating Sources
- 14.00 Referencing 101

WED 6<sup>TH</sup>

- 14.00 Getting Started with Your Assignments
- 15.00 Technology for Writing

THURS 7<sup>TH</sup>

- 10.00 *Academic Writing:*  
Building an Argument
- 14.00 *Academic Writing:*  
Evaluating Sources

FRI 8<sup>TH</sup>

- 11.00 Referencing 101
- 14.00 *Academic Writing:*  
Building an Argument

## WEEK 3 | 11<sup>TH</sup> - 15<sup>TH</sup> March

MON 11<sup>TH</sup>

- 10.00 *Academic Writing:*  
Referencing: Why and How?
- 11.00 Supporting your Essay Writing:  
For Taught MA Students

TUES 12<sup>TH</sup>

- 14.00 *Academic Writing:*  
Referencing: Why and How?

WED 13<sup>TH</sup>

- 10.00 Getting Started with Your Assignments
- 11.00 Supporting your Essay Writing:  
For Taught MA Students
- 15.00 Technology for Taking and Organising Notes

THURS 14<sup>TH</sup>

- 12.00 *Academic Writing:*  
Conclusions
- 14.00 Navigating the Thesis:  
Steps to Structure & Find Sources

FRI 15<sup>TH</sup>

- 10.00 Navigating the Thesis:  
Steps to Structure & Find Sources
- 11.00 *Academic Writing:*  
Conclusions



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