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Academic Literacy in Practice

Course Content

This course considers key aspects of academic writing, reading, listening and oral communication including information literacy, citing and referencing, critical thinking skills, register and style.

It combines both theory and practice and aims to equip you with the knowledge and skills to develop and produce academic work of the highest quality.

Your classes will be organic in nature in that they will not adhere to a rigid, prescribed programme of study, but will focus on the precise needs of each group.

Additional personalised practice and support is provided through weekly individual academic literacy tutorials.

The aspects listed below will be considered and developed over the course of the academic year:

- Academic and information literacy within a British university context
- Academic writing (organisation, planning, drafting, editing, proofreading)
- Interpreting and internalising assignment evaluation criteria
- Referencing styles
- Critical thinking
- Evaluating the purpose, scope and currency of your sources
- Paraphrasing, summarising and patch writing
- Selection and use of quotations
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▪ Reference Logs
▪ Interpreting lectures/effective note-taking skills
▪ Effective interaction and intercultural awareness
▪ Time management

Intended Learning Outcomes

By the end of the course you should be able to plan, draft, proofread and produce high quality academic essays and to engage in academic discussion by demonstrating:

▪ proficient academic and information literacy skills
▪ the ability to write in a personal academic style
▪ sound argumentation and critical thinking skills
▪ superior editing and proofreading skills
▪ an ability to learn from critical feedback