

Unit Outline (Higher Education)

Institute / School: Institute of Education, Arts & Community

Unit Title: Academic Writing

Unit ID: FASTP1015

Credit Points: 15.00

Prerequisite(s): Nil

Co-requisite(s): Nil

Exclusion(s): Nil

ASCED: 120103

Description of the Unit:

After successfully completing this unit, students will have a greater knowledge of the structure and uses of academic writing. Students will be introduced to a range of writing skills and practice the skills required to successfully complete written academic assessments. They will develop the skills to engage with the differing and complex academic writing conventions required at university. They will also learn to effectively communicate their knowledge to others.

Grade Scheme: Graded (HD, D, C, P, MF, F, XF)

Work Experience:

No work experience

Placement Component: No

Supplementary Assessment: Yes

Where supplementary assessment is available a student must have failed overall in the Unit but gained a final mark of 45 per cent or above, has completed all major assessment tasks (including all sub-components where a task has multiple parts) as specified in the Unit Description and is not eligible for any other form of supplementary assessment.

Course Level:

Level of Unit in Course	AQF Level of Course					
	5	6	7	8	9	10
Introductory	✓	■	■	■	■	■
Intermediate	■	■	■	■	■	■
Advanced	■	■	■	■	■	■

Learning Outcomes:

Knowledge:

- K1.** Explain the nature and structure of academic writing for university studies
- K2.** Identify the requirements and components of academic writing
- K3.** Demonstrate technical knowledge of academic writing specifically for assessment at university
- K4.** Engage with e-learning writing specific to a university learning environment

Skills:

- S1.** Identify types of academic writing
- S2.** Interpret assessment criteria
- S3.** Produce assessments that conform to university requirements
- S4.** Reflect upon the nature and structure of tertiary writing

Application of knowledge and skills:

- A1.** Produce and submit tertiary level assessment tasks
- A2.** Analyse the nature and structure of academic writing
- A3.** Communicate and transmit ideas about academic writing through: formal and informal discussion, written assessments, and effective use of e-learning platforms

Unit Content:

Academic Writing covers various aspects of researching, writing and producing tertiary level written communication. It contains a combination of continuous and iterative assessment that enables students to practice editing, re-drafting and incorporating feedback into their written work. Content covered will include: research for writing, summarising and paraphrasing, referencing, using evidence, writing in a range of genres (e.g. essays, reports, reflective writing and exams), editing and proofreading, and making use of feedback.

Learning Task and Assessment:

Learning Outcomes Assessed	Assessment Tasks	Assessment Type	Weighting
K2, K3, K4, S1, S2, S3, S4, A1, A2, A3	Essay plan and reflection on writing experiences	Essay outline	10 - 30%
K2, K3, K4, S1, S2, S3, A1, A2, A3	Essay body paragraphs, reference list and feedback consultation	Essay draft	35 - 45%
K1, K2, K3, K4, S1, S2, S3, S4, A1, A2, A3	Final revised essay plus introduction and conclusion, combined with reflection on learning to write academically	Final essay	35 - 45%

Adopted Reference Style:

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