



Academic Skills Workshops

Session 2 2009 (Block 4, Weeks 9–12)

The Learning Centre will run the following workshops free for all UNSW students enrolled in a degree or diploma program.

Workshop Location: The Learning Centre G23 Upper Campus

Some workshops are run as a series and may be held once a week for two to seven weeks. That is, they are developmental. Other classes are run as 'once only' workshops, but may be repeated at a later date.

For **registration** information, please see our website:

<http://www.lc.unsw.edu.au/workshop.html>

Undergraduates & Postgraduates

Report Writing (Repeat 3)

Day: Monday Week: 10

Date: September 28

Time: 11.30am – 1.00pm

Duration: One Class

This workshop aims to provide students with an understanding of the structure of a university report. It will examine various sections of a report and technical language.

Oral Presentations (Repeat 4)

Day: Wednesday Weeks: 8 and 9

Dates: September 16 and 23

Time: 10.00am – 11.30am

Duration: Two Classes

These workshops are divided into two classes. In the first, the focus will be on oral skills; the importance of clearly understood speech with exercises to develop this. The second class will concentrate on the organisation of presentations and developing presentation skills.

Grammar (Repeat 6)

Day: Monday Week: 9

Date: September 21

Time: 11.30am – 1.00pm

Duration: One Class

This workshop will focus on various strategies to further develop your use of grammar in editing and proofreading your writing. It will also identify the most common grammatical mistakes made by students.

Grammar (Repeat 7)

Day: Wednesday Week: 10

Date: September 30

Time: 12.00pm – 1.30pm

Duration: One Class

Sentence Structure for ESL Students (Repeat 4)

Day: Wednesday Week: 10

Date: September 30

Time: 10.00am – 11.30am

Duration: One Class

In this workshop we will look at the components of a sentence and how to organise them in a grammatically correct way. We will also discuss punctuation.

Paragraphs in Academic Writing (Repeat 4)

Day: Monday Week: 10

Date: September 28

Time: 10.00am – 11.30am

Duration: One Class

This workshop discusses the components of an academic paragraph, which include topic sentences, the elaboration of your points through the use of evidence, and concluding sentences. Emphasis will be placed on how these elements both develop and clarify your academic argument.

Essay Writing (Repeat 3)

Day: Wednesday Week: 11

Date: October 7

Time: 10.00am -11.30am

Duration: One Class

This class focuses on the structure of an essay and how to maintain an academic argument. It will also include how to reference your work accurately, and the correct use of academic language.

Editing Strategies (Repeat 4)

Day: Wednesday Week: 11

Date: October 7

Time: 12.00pm – 1.30pm

Duration: One Class

This workshop examines both broad and narrow - focused strategies for editing an essay. Editing for meaning will be discussed as well as the ability to identify the most common grammatical mistakes and errors in punctuation. Students will be able to practise these skills so they can then apply them to their own work.

Undergraduates

Critical Reading, Critical Writing (Repeat)

Day: Tuesday Week: 10

Date: September 29

Time: 10.00am – 12.00pm

Duration: One Class

This workshop will explore how to read to identify the underlying meaning of a read text and then how to use this new perspective in your writing

Writing Exam Essays

Day: Tuesday Week: 12

Date: October 13

Time: 10.00am – 12.00pm

Duration: One Class

This workshop will discuss strategies for exam writing performance

Coursework and Research Postgraduates

Academic Writing for PG ESL Students (Repeat 3)

Day: Monday Weeks: 8 and 9

Dates: September 14 and 21

Time: 10.00am – 11.30am

Duration: Two Classes

This workshop is for students whose second language is English and who write competently in terms of grammar and sentence structure, but would like to develop their academic writing. The class focuses on the purpose, structure and style of various kinds of academic writing at both the paragraph and the text level.

Advanced Reading Skills (Repeat 4)

Day: Monday Week: 9

Date: September 21

Time: 2.00pm – 3.30pm

Duration: One Class

Advanced Reading Skills (Repeat 5)

Day: Wednesday Week: 9

Date: September 23

Time: 12.00pm – 1.30pm

Duration: One Class

The purpose of this workshop is to provide students with ideas and strategies for managing large amounts of reading at a postgraduate level. Students are asked to note that this is not a speed reading class.

Research Postgraduates

Literature Review (Repeat)

Day: Friday Week: 11

Date: October 9

Time: 10.00am – 11.30am

Duration: One Class

This introductory workshop will examine the purpose of a literature review, possible approaches that can be taken when writing it, and the different kinds of structures that may be used.