

THE LEARNING CO-OP

Autumn Program 2017

A peer supported study space, with easy access to expert help.

Services include a Peer Supported Study Area, a wide range of seminars, consultations with Librarians and Academic Language and Learning Lecturers, and online resources.

Visit the Main Entrance of the Wollongong Campus Library to find out more.



PEER SUPPORTED STUDY AREA

Weeks 1-13

Mon-Fri

10.00am – 4.00pm

Work on your assignments in a friendly and supportive study area where Peer Academic Coaches, Library Rovers, Librarians and Academic Language and Learning Lecturers can answer your questions and provide you with assistance.

Find our more:

<http://www.uow.edu.au/student/services/learning-coop/index.html>

ACADEMIC DEVELOPMENT

Study Write Present

- Seminars are free of charge
- Register online at: <http://www.uow.edu.au/student/services/ld/students/UOW164457.html>
- **Seminars in RED** strongly recommended for international students

Effective study strategies

Wednesday 1 March 12:30 – 1:30

Repeat: Monday 6 March 12.30 – 1.30

Venue: Library Seminar Room 1

Description: Studying at university involves preparing research, reading, writing, and getting assessments completed by due dates. This seminar suggests some ways to help organise yourself and your work.

Efficient reading strategies

Thursday 2 March 12:30 – 1:30

Repeat: Tuesday 7 March 12:30 – 1:30

Venue: Library Seminar Room 1

Description: Studying for a degree involves a lot of reading. Learn how to identify essential information and to take useful notes. This seminar provides some useful tips on how to look for relevant articles, organise your reading and begin to develop your analytical skills.

Analysing the assignment question

Thursday 8 March 12:30 – 1:30

Venue: Library Seminar Room 1

Description: Having trouble understanding the assignment question? Don't know where to start in researching the assignment? This seminar helps you to unpack the requirements of an assignment question and develop a research and writing plan.

Essay writing

Tuesday 14 March 12:30 – 1:30

Repeat: Thursday 13 April 12.30 – 1.30

Venue: Library Seminar Room 1

Description: The essay is one of the most common forms of assessment at University. This seminar looks at the fundamentals of essay writing, including analysing the question, conducting the research, and organising your ideas to producing a well-argued and well referenced essay.

Developing a critical argument

Thursday 23 March 12:30 – 1:30

Venue: Library Seminar Room 1

Description: This seminar is for students with some experience of essay writing who would like to develop their skills further. We look at ways to use research to strengthen your argument and provide a focused and critical response to the essay question.

Report writing

Tuesday 4 April 12:30 – 1:30

Venue: Library Seminar Room 1

Description: Reports are the second most used form of assignment. This seminar focuses on the writing style, logical development, and critical argument in the structure of the report.

Using evidence and referencing

Thursday 16 March 12:30 – 1:30

Repeat: Tuesday 11 April 12:30 – 1:30

Venue: Library Seminar Room 1

Description: Which referencing style do you have to use? When should you use direct or indirect quotations? What is plagiarism? How can you avoid it? This seminar introduces you to the basic principles of using evidence and referencing in academic assignments to help you strengthen your arguments and avoid issues of plagiarism.

Exam preparation

Tuesday 16 May 12:30 – 1:30

Venue: Library Seminar Room 1

Description: Exams are often difficult. Learn how to prepare for them and what to do on the day to reduce your stress.

Editing and proofreading your writing

Monday 10 April 12:30 – 1:30

Venue: Library Seminar Room 1

Description: This seminar focuses on how to edit your writing for content, and proofread for grammatical accuracy. A checklist will be provided to help you focus on what to look out for when editing and proofreading your writing

Writing literature reviews

Tuesday 4 April 10:30 – 12:30

Venue: Library Teaching Lab 1

Description: This session is aimed at Masters Coursework students and others who need to write a literature review as part of a research project. We will look at searching techniques to find relevant

literature and how to categorise, synthesise and structure it into an effective literature review

Writing effective sentences

Monday 20 March 12:30 – 1:30

Venue: Library Seminar Room 1

Description: How many different ways can you write a sentence expressing cause and effect? Why would you choose one way over another? This seminar introduces you a range of strategies for writing academic sentences. Be amazed at what you didn't know about sentence grammar.

Paraphrasing, summarising and quoting

Monday 13 March 12:30 – 1:30

Venue: Library Seminar Room 1

Description: How do you put someone else's ideas into your own words? What is plagiarism? How can you avoid it? This seminar will help you develop and practise strategies to effectively summarise and paraphrase your reading material for your assignments.

Successful presentations

Wednesday 15 March 12:30 – 1:30

Venue: Library Seminar Room 1

Description: Many subjects expect you to present your knowledge by talking in a class. This seminar discusses some ways of making the task easier, reduce your nerves, and get the best marks you can.

Writing in an academic style

Tuesday 21 March 12:30 – 1:30

Venue: Library Seminar Room 1

Description: Writing well at university involves a level of formality. This seminar introduces you to the fundamentals of academic writing and provides you with strategies to make your writing more formal, impersonal and concise.

Pronunciation

This series of four pronunciation seminars will provide you with strategies for improving your clarity in speech.

Venue: Library Seminar Room 1

Seminar 1: English sounds

Wednesday 29 March 12:30 – 1:30

Seminar 2: Word stress

Wednesday 5 April 12:30 – 1:30

Seminar 3: Sentence stress & intonation

Wednesday 12 April 12:30 – 1:30

Seminar 4: Pausing & chunking & connected speech

Wednesday 26 April 12:30 – 1:30

ACCESS RESOURCES ONLINE

To see what we have to offer, go to

<http://www.uow.edu.au/student/services/ld/students/index.html>

ASSIGNMENT WRITING CONSULTATIONS

Students requiring high level advice on disciplinary assignments can access a 40 minute one-on-one consultations with an academic language and learning lecturer on a limited basis. These are by appointment only.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE CONSULTATIONS

International students requiring assistance with the development of their English language proficiency can access a 40 minute one-on-one consultations with an English language specialist on a limited basis.

Consultations are by appointment only.

Appointments can be made by speaking with a peer in the Peer Supported Study Area in the Learning Co-op or call 4221 3977

Due to limited availability, individual consultations are limited to four consultations per student per session.

Consultations cannot be used for proofreading or editing assignments.

Consultations may only be used to receive feedback on your written work and learn how to develop independent strategies for improving your study and writing.

If you are a HDR student requiring thesis editing, we can provide you with a list of Professional Editors.

DIGITAL Literacy



Seminars are free of charge.

Register online at:

<http://www.uow.edu.au/student/service/digitalliteracy/index.html>

UOW Digital Basics

Tuesday 21 February 1:30 – 2:30

Repeat: Tuesday 23 February 1:30 – 2:30

Venue: Library Teaching Lab 2

Description: Come along to this workshop to learn the digital basics of UOW, including how to locate coversheets for your assignments, and how to access your UOWmail.

Search Engines

Wednesday 1 March 12:30 – 1:30

Repeat: Wednesday 1 March 5:30 – 6:30

Venue: Library Teaching Lab 2

Description: Did you know that Google isn't your only option when it comes to searching the net? Learn how to improve your online research using known and unknown search engines and strategies. Learn how to hack your research here!

Collaboration and Storage in the Cloud

Wednesday 8 March 12:30 – 1:30

Repeat: Wednesday 8 March 5:30 – 6:30

Venue: Library Teaching Lab 2

Description: Group work sending you gaga? Let us show you how to use "the cloud" effectively, including how to avoid data disaster by managing the risks of cloud-based platforms, so that you can make the most of your time at university. Cloud-based platforms covered in this workshop include Google Drive, Office 365, Delicious and more.

Social Networking for Study and Work

Wednesday 15 March 12:30 – 1:30

Repeat: Wednesday 15 March 5:30 - 6:30

Venue: Library Teaching Lab 2

Description: Do you want to create or strengthen your professional online presence using social media platforms? Or do you to learn how to create a Personal Learning Network to interact with others interested in your research? Let us show you how in this workshop!

Finding and Using Digital Media

Wednesday 22 March 12:30 – 1:30

Repeat: Wednesday 22 March 5:30 – 6:30

Venue: Library Teaching Lab 2

Description: Hear copyright horror stories, gain an understanding of Copyright, learn where to find Creative Commons and Public Domain resources, and learn how to license your own work effectively. A must for anyone publishing content on the Internet.

Foundations of Blogging

Wednesday 5 April 12:30 – 1:30

Repeat: Wednesday 5 April 5:30 – 6:30

Venue: Library Teaching Lab 2

Description: Are you required to start a blog this semester but have no idea where to begin? Come along to this workshop to learn the foundations of blogging, including the difference between writing online and other forms of writing, and how to show evidence in your online writing.

How to Use WordPress

Wednesday 12 April 12:30 – 1:30

Repeat: Wednesday 12 April 5:30 – 6:30

Venue: Library Teaching Lab 2

Description: Need to blog for an assessment this session? We can teach you how to get started! Learn about the features of WordPress.com, how to create an account, how to manage your comments, and how to write and publish posts.

How to Use Prezi

Thursday 13 April 12:30 – 1:30

Repeat: Thursday 13 April 5:30 – 6:30

Venue: Library Teaching Lab 2

Description: It's the third presentation this lesson and the phrase 'death by PowerPoint' has taken on a whole new meaning. Learn how to take advantage of the Cloud based software platform Prezi and bring the life back into your presentations.

ACCESS RESOURCES ONLINE

Our self-paced online workshops are available all year round. To see what we have to offer: <http://www.uow.edu.au/student/services/digitalliteracy/index.html>

MATHS & STATS

Subject Specific Maths

A series of subject specific Maths workshops are available to assist students develop their capacity and confidence in Maths.

There is no need to register for these workshops.

FIN111: Algebra for Finance Students (Workshop 1)

Week 5

Venue: TBA

FIN222: Algebra for Finance Students (Workshop 1)

Date, time and location TBA

FIN222: Algebra for Finance Students (Workshop 2: Logarithms)

Date, time and location TBA

Education: Primary Education Mathematics

Weekly drop-in sessions

Commencing Week 2

Venue: TBA

COMM121: Order of Operations; getting to know your scientific calculator

Date, time and location TBA

COMM121: Algebra for Statistics

Date, time and location TBA

MATH141: Fractions; Algebra

Refresher: Fractions; Algebraic fractions;

Expanding, factorising

Date, time and location TBA

MATH141: Algebra

Indices, factorising

Date, time and location TBA

Access resources online

To see what we have to offer, go to

<http://www.uow.edu.au/student/services/ld/students/maths/index.html>

CONSULTATIONS

Students can also access one-on-one consultations with a Maths & Stats lecturer. To make an appointment, come in person to Learning Development, Building 11, Level 2, or ring 4221 3977

RESEARCH WRITING

Thesis Writing Services

A series of thesis writing seminars are available for HDR students. To get the most out of the later sessions, be prepared to bring in samples of your own thesis draft for seminar activities.

Register online at

<http://www.uow.edu.au/research/rsc/news/seminars/index.html>

Planning your Research and Writing and Finding Theses

Wednesday 8 March 9.30 -11:30am

Venue: 67.302

Description: This seminar is run by Learning Development and the Library. It will overview important factors in thesis planning and help participants develop a realistic timeline for their research project. Participants will also develop a literature search and be shown how to navigate the myriad of databases and websites in Australia and overseas, which will allow them to identify and access other theses related to their area of research.

Thesis structures

Wednesday 15 March 9.30 -11:30am

Venue: 67.302

Description: This session will look at the range of possibilities for structuring theses and allow participants to develop and elaborate an appropriate structure for their thesis project.

Writing your literature review and thesis proposal

Wednesday 22 March 9.30 -11:30am

Venue: 67.302

Description: Aimed at HDR students in the first year of candidature, this session will consider the variety of ways of writing a thesis proposal and the process of writing a literature review.

Oral presentations

Wednesday 12 April 9.30 -11:30am

Venue: 67.302

Description: This practical session explores the various avenues HDR students have for presenting their research, and provides a supportive semi-formal atmosphere for you to share your research.

Effective referencing

Wednesday 26 April 9.30 -11:30am

Venue: 67.302

Description: This session will look at issues in referencing and citation for thesis writers,

and provide hands-on practice at summarising and paraphrasing.

Organising your chapters – chapter and paragraph cohesion

Wednesday 17 May 9.30 -11:30am

Venue: 67.302

Description: This session will look at strategies for developing cohesion across and within chapters, sub-sections and paragraphs.

Developing a critical argument

Wednesday 24 May 9.30 -11:30am

Venue: 67.302

Description: This session will look at a range of strategies for developing a critical argument.

Access online resources

To see what we have to offer, go to

<http://www.uow.edu.au/research/rsc/news/seminars/index.html>

CONSULTATIONS

Honours, Masters or PhD students can also access one-on-one consultations regarding their research writing with an academic language and learning lecturer.

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ENDNOTE

Endnote sessions are available to HDR students

Description: Manage references and research notes and learn how to create in-text citations and bibliographies in any style by linking Endnote and Word.

Tuesday 7th March 2:00-3:30pm

Venue: Library Lab 1

Wednesday 15th March 4:00-5:30pm

Venue: ONLINE – a link to the class will be sent to you after you have signed up

Thursday 16th March 5:00-6:30pm

Venue: Library Lab 1

Wednesday 22nd March 10-11:30am

Venue: Library Lab 1

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