



ACE Study Strategies and Skills Workshops for Higher Education

January – April 2023

Welcome (or welcome back) from the ACE team!

The Academic Community of Excellence (ACE) team provide guidance alongside your classes on subjects such as how to write in an academic style, how to read smarter rather than longer, how to reference accurately as well as computing and mathematics. You can make a group or one-to-one tutorial, attend our online workshops as well as read our resources and watch our videos on your virtual learning environment (VLE).

Below is our workshop schedule for the semester, which include our [Study Strategies for New Students](#) (**labelled NEW STUDENTS**) sessions to introduce you to some of the key skills you will need at university. We also run workshops on a range of [study skills topics](#) throughout the semester. We repeat each session at different points throughout the week and semester, as well as providing support through video guides to help you recap.

How to join a workshop

The easiest way to join a workshop is by going to our [booking page](#). Here you can see when each session is taking place. To book, please select the date of the workshop on the calendar. Then book the session to receive an email, add to your calendar and get a reminder 12 hours before. It is not mandatory to register.

Alternatively, you can simply click on the link below at the time of the session

<https://qa-learning.webex.com/meet/JMcGrath>



If you are calling in, dial +44 203-478-5289 then enter the access code: 700 498 436

These sessions will be delivered via WebEx Meetings, so we recommend you watch this [quick video](#) on the online platform to get you started.

Unsure what workshops to attend? Then try our [academic skills quiz](#) to check where you need to improve.

Date	Day	Time	Topic	Level	Video Guide
10-Jan	Tuesday	13:30	NEW STUDENTS: How to plan for assignments and manage your time: This session focuses on getting organised for your assignment and looks at different time management techniques.	Essentials	The ACE Team Approaching Assessments - Planning Your Assignment - YouTube
11-Jan	Wednesday	11:00	NEW STUDENTS How to write for your assignments and an introduction to referencing: This session looks at the academic language and the requirements for assignment writing such as including sources and using a formal style along with an introduction to and the importance of referencing.	Essentials	The ACE Team: How to Write for Assignments and an Introduction to Referencing - YouTube
12-Jan	Thursday	16:30	Academic Grammar and Vocabulary. A look at different aspects of style and language required for academic writing.	Essentials	The ACE Team - Expanding Academic Vocabulary Video Guide - YouTube
13-Jan	Friday	16:30	NEW STUDENTS: How to be Digitally Literate: This session focuses on how to search for sources, evaluate and reference them.	Essentials	The ACE Team - How to Be Digitally Literate: An Introduction Video Guide Part 1 - YouTube

16-Jan	Monday	12:30	NEW STUDENTS How to Use WebEx and an introduction to Blended Learning: In this session, you'll get the opportunity to see and use WebEx Meetings; the platform that will be used if you have online lectures. You will also look at the difference between face to face, online and blended learning and how to approach each way.	Essentials	The ACE Team - Webex Meetings - YouTube
17-Jan	Tuesday	11:00	NEW STUDENTS How to plan for assignments and manage your time: This session focuses on getting organised for your assignment and looks at different time management techniques.	Essentials	The ACE Team Approaching Assessments - Planning Your Assignment - YouTube
18-Jan	Wednesday	16:30	NEW STUDENTS How to be Digitally Literate: This session focuses on how to search for sources, evaluate and reference them.	Essentials	The ACE Team - How to Be Digitally Literate: An Introduction Video Guide Part 1 - YouTube
19-Jan	Thursday	12:30	NEW STUDENTS: How to write for your assignments and an introduction to referencing: This session looks at the academic language and the requirements for assignment writing such as including sources and using a formal style along with an introduction to and the importance of referencing.	Essentials	The ACE Team: How to Write for Assignments and an Introduction to Referencing - YouTube
19-Jan	Thursday	16:30	Academic Style A look at the conventions of academic writing and tips on how to develop your academic style	Essentials - Intermediate	The ACE Team Academic Writing Skills - Academic Style Video Guide - YouTube

23-Jan	Monday	16:30	NEW STUDENTS: How to Use WebEx and an introduction to Blended Learning: In this session, you'll get the opportunity to see and use WebEx Meetings; the platform that will be used if you have online lectures. You will also look at the difference between face to face, online and blended learning and how to approach each way.	Essentials	The ACE Team - Webex Meetings - YouTube
24-Jan	Tuesday	12:30	NEW STUDENTS: How to write for your assignments and an introduction to referencing: This session looks at the academic language and the requirements for assignment writing such as including sources and using a formal style along with an introduction to and the importance of referencing.	Essentials	The ACE Team: How to Write for Assignments and an Introduction to Referencing - YouTube
25-Jan	Wednesday	13:30	NEW STUDENTS How to be Digitally Literate: This session focuses on how to search for sources, evaluate and reference them.	Essentials	The ACE Team - How to Be Digitally Literate: An Introduction Video Guide Part 1 - YouTube
26-Jan	Thursday	11:00	NEW STUDENTS How to plan for assignments and manage your time: This session focuses on getting organised for your assignment and looks at different time management techniques.	Essentials	The ACE Team Approaching Assessments - Planning Your Assignment - YouTube
26-Jan	Thursday	16:30	Critical Thinking for your Studies. This session will consider what critical thinking is in an academic context, and how it can be applied to reading sources and writing assignments.	Intermediate	The ACE Team: Critical Thinking for your Studies - YouTube

01-Feb	Wednesday	12:30	Using Reading in your Writing (Essentials): A look at how and why writers incorporate ideas and details from their reading in their writing and how you can do this in your own assignments.	Essentials	Coming Soon
02-Feb	Thursday	16:30	Using Reading in your Writing (Essentials): A look at how and why writers incorporate ideas and details from their reading in their writing and how you can do this in your own assignments.	Essentials	Coming Soon
08-Feb	Wednesday	12:30	Reading and Note Taking: This session will look at the importance of reading for your studies, strategies to read more efficiently and effectively, and note taking skills.	Essentials	The ACE Team Reading - A Guide to Reading - YouTube
09-Feb	Thursday	16:30	Reading and Note Taking (Repeat): This session will look at the importance of reading for your studies, strategies to read more efficiently and effectively, and note taking skills.	Essentials	The ACE Team - Note Taking - YouTube
14-Feb	Tuesday	12:30	NEW STUDENTS: How to Use WebEx and an introduction to Blended Learning: In this session, you'll get the opportunity to see and use WebEx Meetings; the platform that will be used if you have online lectures. You will also look at the difference between face to face, online and blended learning and how to approach each way.	Essentials	The ACE Team - Webex Meetings - YouTube
15-Feb	Wednesday	13:30	Getting started on your assignment (Repeat): This workshop discusses common problems with time management, finding and retrieving information, finding a thread and getting started on writing.	Essentials	The ACE Team - Getting started on your assignment - Part 2 - YouTube

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28-Feb	Tuesday	16:30	Critically Building an Argument Explores the differences between descriptive and critical writing and looks at how to develop a line of reasoning to build up arguments in your work.	Intermediate	The ACE Team Criticality - Criticality Advanced - YouTube

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08-Mar	Wednesday	13:30	Writing Introductions and Conclusions: This workshop will look at the basic features of effective introductions and conclusions.	Essentials	The ACE Team Academic Writing Skills - Introductions and Conclusions - Part 1 - YouTube
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