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# LEADS

FOR STUDENTS

# CLASSES

## International Student Study and Writing Classes

**January – February  
2021**

**Academic  
Writing  
Workshops**

**Early Stages  
Dissertation  
Writing  
Classes**

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## Who are we?

We are the [Learning Enhancement and Academic Development Service](#), and we are here to help you develop and improve all aspects of your academic work. We work with Undergraduate and Postgraduate students across all four Colleges (Arts, Social Sciences, MVLS, and Science & Engineering).

For Undergraduate and Postgraduate Taught (PGT) students, we have Effective Learning Advisers (ELAs) for each of the four Colleges, and two Effective Learning Advisers (ELAs) for International students.

For Postgraduate Research (PGR) students, we have an [Effective Writing Adviser](#) who works with PGR students across all four Colleges.

For students whose work involves Mathematics or Statistics, we have dedicated [Maths](#) and [Stats](#) advisers.



Dr. Julia Bohlmann  
Effective Learning Adviser  
(International students)



Dr. Micky Ross  
Effective Learning Adviser  
(International students)

## What do we offer?

We offer suites of classes to help you develop and improve all aspects of your academic work, including (but not limited to):

- Academic writing (essays, dissertations, or other assignments)
- Argumentation
- Critically evaluating literature
- Using sources and referencing
- Time and project management
- Study and revision methods

Suites of classes are available for students in the Colleges of [Arts](#) and [Social Sciences](#), the Colleges of [MVLS](#) and [Science & Engineering](#), and also for [International](#) students from any College.

# Early Stages Dissertation Writing Classes

These classes are designed to provide international students with the essential components that they need to navigate their dissertation research process at UofG. Most classes are repeated. Registration is not required; however, students should arrive promptly to be guaranteed a space.

Undergraduate and Postgraduate Taught students from any College should attend.

Week Beginning	Class Details	Class Details
	Zoom Link: <a href="https://uofglasgow.zoom.us/j/91872319441">https://uofglasgow.zoom.us/j/91872319441</a> Zoom ID: <b>918 7231 9441</b>	Zoom Link: <a href="https://uofglasgow.zoom.us/j/92442745948">https://uofglasgow.zoom.us/j/92442745948</a> Zoom ID: <b>924 4274 5948</b>
11th Jan	<b>An introduction to doing a dissertation</b> Tues 12th Jan 11:00-12:00 <i>This lecture outlines the basic things you need to consider when starting your dissertation.</i>	<b>Writing a research proposal</b> Tues 12th Jan 14:00-15:00 <i>This lecture outlines the vital aspects of a research proposal.</i>
18th Jan	<b>Starting and developing your dissertation methods</b> Tues 19th Jan 11:00-12:00 <i>This lecture offers you suggestions about how to get started with methods for your dissertation.</i>	<b>The supervision process</b> Tues 19th Jan 14:00-15:00 <i>This lecture will help to give you a clearer understanding of what to expect from the supervision process.</i>
25th Jan	<b>Starting your dissertation with good habits</b> Tues 26th Jan 11:00-12:00 <i>This lecture points out important "good habits" that you should have when doing your dissertation and encourages you to keep them.</i>	<b>Writing the literature review chapter</b> Tues 26th Jan 14:00-15:00 <i>This lecture discusses the literature review chapter of the dissertation and gives key advice about how to write it effectively.</i>
1st Feb	<b>Writing a research proposal (Repeat class)</b> Tues 2nd Feb 11:00-12:00 <i>This lecture outlines the vital aspects of a research proposal.</i>	<b>An introduction to doing a dissertation (Repeat class)</b> Tues 2nd Feb 14:00-15:00 <i>This lecture outlines the basic things you need to consider when starting your dissertation.</i>
8th Feb	<b>The supervision process (Repeat class)</b> Tues 9th Feb 11:00-12:00 <i>This lecture will help to give you a clearer understanding of what to expect from the supervision process.</i>	<b>Starting and developing your dissertation methods (Repeat class)</b> Tues 9th Feb 14:00-15:00 <i>This lecture offers you suggestions about how to get started with methods for your dissertation.</i>
15th Feb	<b>Writing the literature review chapter (Repeat class)</b> Tues 16th Feb 11:00-12:00 <i>This lecture discusses the literature review chapter of the dissertation and gives key advice about how to write it effectively.</i>	<b>Starting your dissertation with good habits (Repeat class)</b> Tues 16th Feb 14:00-15:00 <i>This lecture points out important "good habits" that you should have when doing your dissertation and encourages you to keep them.</i>

# Academic Writing Workshops

These sessions are designed to help international students become effective writers. They do this by explaining: why writing at university is different from writing for language tests; how to develop an essay with appropriate rhetorical structures; and how to contextualise academic writing.

Undergraduate and Postgraduate Taught students from any College should attend.

Week	Class Details		Class Details	
	Beginning			
	Zoom Link: <a href="https://uofglasgow.zoom.us/j/94484822580">https://uofglasgow.zoom.us/j/94484822580</a> Zoom ID: 944 8482 2580		Zoom Link: <a href="https://uofglasgow.zoom.us/j/95034249919">https://uofglasgow.zoom.us/j/95034249919</a> Zoom ID: 950 342 49919	
11th Jan	<b>Writing as an international student at UofG</b> Thurs 14th Jan 10:00-11:00 <i>This lecture outlines expectations for academic writing for international students.</i>		<b>Plagiarism and the ownership of knowledge</b> Thurs 14th Jan 14:00-15:00 <i>This lecture discusses the meaning of plagiarism and unpacks the issues within it.</i>	
18th Jan	<b>Becoming an academic reader</b> Thurs 21st Jan 10:00-11:00 <i>This lecture will introduce you to academic reading, make it clear to you how and why it is a specific kind of reading, and offer you strategies to read effectively.</i>		<b>An introduction to being critical</b> Thurs 21st Jan 14:00-15:00 <i>This lecture introduces the basics of being critical in reading and writing.</i>	
25th Jan	<b>Finding literature</b> Thurs 28th Jan 10:00-11:00 <i>This lecture presents strategies for searching literature with a worked example.</i>		<b>Structuring and developing paragraphs</b> Thurs 28th Jan 14:00-15:00 <i>This workshop helps you to write effective paragraphs for essays.</i>	
1st Feb	<b>Reading in layers</b> Thurs 4th Feb 10:00-11:00 <i>This lecture presents an effective reading strategy called "reading in layers" and describes how to do it.</i>		<b>Reading for language</b> Thurs 4th Feb 14:00-15:00 <i>This workshop helps you identify language in academic texts that you can bring to your own writing.</i>	
8th Feb	<b>Introducing your written text</b> Thurs 11th Feb 10:00-11:00 <i>This lecture outlines how to write an effective introduction.</i>		<b>Concluding your written text</b> Thurs 11th Feb 14:00-15:00 <i>This lecture outlines how to write an effective conclusion.</i>	
15th Feb	<b>Authority in reading and writing</b> Thurs 18th Feb 10:00-11:00 <i>This interactive session unpicks the meaning of authority in academic writing and evaluates some examples.</i>		<b>Referencing</b> Thurs 18th Feb 14:00-15:00 <i>This lecture offers important advice on referencing.</i>	

## How can I attend classes?

By simply joining via the relevant [Zoom](#) link for each session—you do not have to enrol or register interest in attending our classes in advance. All of our Semester 2 classes will be delivered online via [Zoom](#) and using [Moodle](#), as per the links provided in the class timetables.

For more advice regarding how to use Zoom or Moodle, please see [Glasgow Anywhere](#).

## What if I cannot attend a class – is there somewhere I can access the class materials?

Yes. You can access the class materials—along with many other useful resources— via our [Moodle](#) site.

To access the class materials and resources, you can enrol yourself onto the relevant class [Moodle](#) (there is no password).

## Do I need to attend all of the classes in a series?

No. Most of the classes are repeated so you can attend whichever classes are most convenient for, or most useful to you.

## Can I make a one-to-one appointment to see an Effective Learning Adviser (ELA)?

Yes. You can make an appointment with an Effective Learning Adviser (ELA) through our central booking system. You can check Adviser availability via MyGlasgow or via the LEADS web page for your College.

If there are no appointments available, please check again later. New appointment times are added regularly; however, we recommend attending our classes or viewing available resources via [Moodle](#) in the first instance to familiarise yourself with key principles of academic practice.

## Are these classes part of the Academic Writing Skills Programme (AWSP)?

No. The [Academic Writing Skills Programme \(AWSP\)](#) is a compulsory writing diagnostic, which gives new students the opportunity to receive feedback on writing before their first assignment. You may be required to attend classes as an outcome of your AWSP diagnostic, but these are separate to the LEADS for Students classes, which are open to all students. You can attend these classes regardless of your AWSP outcome.