

Communication Skills for University Success

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Assessment overview

In the Capstone Project, you will:

- Identify a real-world issue
- Conduct research related to this issue
- Generate and evaluate solutions to the issue
- Write a project proposal (1500-2000 words)
- Create a short video presentation of the project (2-4 minutes)

This will be completed in scaffolded steps throughout the 5 Modules in the Capstone.

Formative assessment – 20%

Each module, you will need to submit one short task based on the work covered in that module. These tasks are designed to give you the opportunity to receive feedback on your proposal as you progress through the course.

You will also review two of your peers' submissions and provide feedback to them.

Weekly Peer Review tasks – 20%

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| 1. Problem Statement | 4% |
| 2. Background Paragraph | 4% |
| 3. Action Evaluation | 4% |
| 4. Main SMART Goal | 4% |
| 5. Inspiring Story | 4% |

Summative assessment – 80%

There are two pieces of summative assessment in this course.

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| 1. Project Proposal | 50% |
| 2. Video Proposal | 30% |

Project Proposal

At the end of Module 5, you will submit a project proposal that consists of the following sections:

1. Title
2. Project summary
3. Background
4. Statement of problem
5. Objectives
6. Participants & roles
7. Project implementation plan
8. Resources
9. Constraints & risks
10. References

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Project Proposal continued

The project proposal demonstrates your ability to:

- Use academic but not overly complex language to convey ideas
- Use American Psychological Association's 6th (APA 6) referencing style for in-text and end-of-text references
- Propose a solution which clearly addresses a need
- Propose a solution which clearly benefits the identified community
- Develop an action plan that is appropriate, realistic and feasible
- Prepare a project proposal with all necessary sections

Video Proposal

At the end of Module 5, you will submit a video presentation in which you persuade the audience to support the project. You need to select available resources and creatively present the information in the proposal in a persuasive, engaging style.

The video presentation demonstrates your ability to:

- Create a video proposal that clearly articulates a need within a specific community and the solution
- Create a well organised video with a clear purpose, focus and good pacing
- Combine different media types to offer insight into the problem identified and its solution
- Select appropriate sources of information and media for the video presentation, following copyright and academic referencing conventions
- Produce a video with good production quality

Both of the summative assessments will be assessed through peer review. You will not be able to finish the course unless you have reviewed at least two of your peers' assignments.