

Communication Skills for University Success

Academic Skills for University Success Specialization

The University of Sydney Centre for English Teaching

Overall Assessment Structure

Non-Assessed Activities & Assessment Items

This document outlines all the non-assessed activities and assessment items in the course. The non-assessed items give you the chance to practice applying the concepts covered in the course, without having to worry about being assessed. The assessment items give you the chance to demonstrate the knowledge you have learned and receive a grade. In order to pass the course, you must pass all the assessed items.

Non-assessed activities

Each week, you will complete the following activities. These will help you to practice for the assessed items.

1. In-video Questions

Within the videos, in-video multiple choice questions and polls give you a chance to check your understanding of the topic, and compare your ideas with other learners without having to worry about being assessed. You will receive detailed feedback on your answers.

2. Short Practice Quizzes (1 /lesson = 4/week)

You will complete short practice quizzes with 3-4 questions in each. These quizzes explore and reinforce the concepts presented in the module. You will complete one quiz after each module.

Assessment Items

1. Discussion Board Assignment (at least 2/week)

You will post your thoughts on the discussion board and reflect on or apply key concepts presented in the module. The discussion board posts allow you to share your learning and ideas with your peers, and find out what they think about the topics covered. In each module you will find two to three different discussion topics. Some are general discussions about one of the topics addressed during the week, others are more practical. For both kinds you should not only post your own thoughts, but also respond to your peers' posts as well. To pass the assignment, you need to contribute at least two posts to the discussion boards. You can post twice to the same board, or you can post once on two different boards. We encourage you to post as much as you like and to interact with other members of the course. You will need to record your participation in the 'Quiz: Discussion Board Self-Assessment' at the end of each module.

2. Summative Quizzes (1 /week)

You will complete longer quizzes with at the end of each module. These quizzes give you the chance to apply what you've learnt in the lectures to some more complex questions and problems. You can attempt the quiz multiple times.

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Summative Assignment

Peer review assignment – Communication.

In this assignment, you will apply the skills and knowledge gained throughout the course to analyse the rhetorical situations in a university course and discuss the relevant communicative strategies you would use.

You will analyse a unit of study outline and present a summary of the information within it in the table below. In your analysis, you will address the following areas:

1. A summary of the course content and purpose that draws upon the course description and learning outcomes
2. Identification and analysis of the components of the course (lectures, tutorials, etc)
3. Description of how you would prepare and participate in the different types of course meetings
4. Description of one assessment item and the steps you would go through to complete the item successfully

More information is provided on the Summative Assessment Outline information sheet.

Overall Assessment Structure for Assessed Items

The table below outlines the different assessment items in the course, when they need to be completed, and how much they are worth. To pass the course, you must pass all the assessed items.

Assessment Item	Module 1	Module 2	Module 3	Module 4	Module 5	Module 6	Total
Quizzes	10%	10%	10%	10%	10%	-	50%
Discussion board	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	-	15%
Summative Assignment	-	-	-	-	-	35%	35%
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