

Project Support

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Project Questions and Answers

The Golden Rules

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Project Deliverables

Project Registration (0%)

Project Demonstration (0%)

Project Report (100%)

Project Support Recap

Project Support Lectures

1 - Your Project Registration

2 - Project Planning

3 - Information Sources and Plagiarism

4 - Critical Reading and Literature Reviews

5 - Academic Writing

6 - Your Demonstration

7 - Your Project Report

Project Support Lectures

1 - Your Project Registration

Establishing an appropriate project direction

2 - Project Planning

Scheduling activities and understanding expectations

3 - Information Sources and Plagiarism

Identifying and referencing reputable sources

4 - Critical Reading and Literature Reviews

Developing and documenting your research

5 - Academic Writing

Writing high-quality content

6 - Your Demonstration

Approaching to your demonstration

7 - Your Project Report

Structuring your report and developing content

Project Q&A

Questions You Ask Again and Again

What is the suggested word count for the submission?

40-credit projects: 8,000 words.

60-credit projects: 10,000 words.

What happens if I go substantially under or over the suggested word count?

All reports will be evaluated against the same expectations. If you go under but achieve the same level as a submission at the suggested word count, that's no problem but it's can be hard to achieve in some cases. If you go over but achieve the same level as a submission at the suggested word count, you will likely do less well. In short, write high-quality content rather than aiming for a number.

Questions You Might Ask

Should I write in first-person or third-person?

Writing from any perspective is fine, but please be consistent.

Should I use a particular referencing style?

Any referencing style is fine, but please be consistent.

Will my supervisor read my entire report on many occasions before I submit?

Do not expect your supervisor to read your entire report before you submit. It's more reasonable to provide them with the sections that you're most concerned about or a specific set of questions, ideally during supervision meetings - don't leave it until the final week or two.

Questions You Will Probably Ask Later

Do I receive feedback on my project?

Not all institutions provide feedback, but we think it is important. The project can be considered the culmination of your degree. It's natural that you should want feedback on a substantial piece of work.

The results of the project are released alongside your degree classification. As such, the feedback must be provided after that point. You will normally receive comments around 2-3 weeks after the release of your results.

Is my project useful after submission?

Yes! Employers and academics often like to hear about projects, especially when it comes to interviews. Starting practicing your comprehensible explanation.

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