



Pre-Further Education or Higher Education Course



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TARGET GROUP

This course is ideal for anyone who will attend a further or higher education course.

MODULE DESCRIPTOR

The aim of this introductory module is to introduce the necessary learning strategies and tools to help you succeed at Further Education and Higher Education.

It will focus on introducing critical skills such as:

- research skills
- learning skills
- academic writing
- referencing skills
- critical thinking
- personal learning strategy.

COURSE FACILITATORS

Dr. Keith Murphy

Dr. Sylvia Gavigan

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LEARNING OUTCOMES WORKLOAD DESCRIPTION

- L01: Identify personal strengths and weaknesses as a learner and set specific learning goals.
- L02: Learn to be an independent learner.
- L03: Manage time efficiently when planning and organising your learning tasks.
- L04: Learn to write in academia, how to reference other peoples research and use critical thinking.

Two hours in person lectures each week.

Four hours of independent learning each week.

ASSESSMENT

Students will keep a reflective journal outlining their learning each week.

RESOURCES

- Day, T. 2018, Success in Academic Writing, 2nd Edition Ed., Palgrave MacMillan Basingstoke
- Cottrell, S. 2017, Critical Thinking Skills, 3rd Edition Ed., Palgrave MacMillan Basingstoke
- Cottrell, S. 2013, The Study Skills Handbook, 4th Edition Ed., Palgrave Macmillan Basingstoke

Website: LearnHigher Resources
<http://www.learnhigher.ac.uk>

Weekly Lecture Guide

Week 1: Introduction and Transition

What is FE and HE
Why is it Different?
New Challenges for you
Reflective Journal.
Reflective Writing.

Week 2: Independent Learning

What is Intelligence?
Personal Learning Plan
Learning Styles, Mine
Strengths and Things to
Work on
Note Taking

Week 3: Critical Thinking, Writing and Researching

Critique not Criticism
Critical Writing
Critical Thinking

Week 4: Academic Referencing and Writing

What is Academic
Writing
Referencing
Reference Lists
Structure

Week 5: Presentations and Exams

Top Ten Presentation
Tips
Exam Tips

Week 6: Online Research

Where Do I Look
What is Peer Reviewed
Research
Websites
What can I Trust?



For further details

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