



University
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LEADS

FOR STUDENTS

CLASSES

Colleges of **Arts** and **Social Sciences**

January – March
2021

**Essay
Writing
Classes**

**Mastering
Academic
Writing
Classes**

**Undergraduate
Dissertation
Writing**

**Postgraduate
Dissertation
Development**

**Advanced
Criticality
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).

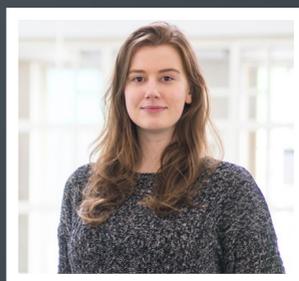
For Undergraduate and Postgraduate Taught (PGT) students, we have Effective Learning Advisers (ELAs) for each of the four Colleges, and two Effective Learning Advisers (ELAs) for International students.

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.



Stuart Purcell
Effective Learning Adviser
(College of Arts)



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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.

Undergraduate Essay Writing Classes

These classes are designed to: help you familiarise yourself with the key principles of essay writing at the University of Glasgow; help you build on existing knowledge; and help you improve on the content and style of your written submissions. The sessions will cover the core elements of essay writing and align with the University marking criteria for written work.

Undergraduate students in the Colleges of Arts and Social Sciences should attend or view the recordings.

| Week Beginning | Class Details Each class is available as a recording, with slides and additional resources also available via Moodle. Moodle course link: https://moodle.gla.ac.uk/course/view.php?id=10314 | Q&A Panel Session You can ask questions live in the panel sessions or post them on the Moodle Q&A forum. Zoom Link: https://uofglasgow.zoom.us/j/97368618079 Zoom ID: 928 1549 9805 |
|-------------------|---|---|
| 18th Jan | Approaching a written assignment <i>What is the purpose of essays as assessment? What does my essay question mean and how do I answer it?</i> | Thurs 21st Jan 11:00-12:00 |
| 25th Jan | Using sources, information, and data <i>I have information, facts and figures - now what? How do I incorporate that into my writing?</i> | Thurs 28th Jan 11:00-12:00 |
| 1st Feb | Creating an argument <i>What is an argument, and how do I develop one throughout my writing?</i> | Thurs 4th Feb 11:00-12:00 |
| 8th Feb | Essay structuring <i>How do I put all my information together into something structured?</i> | Thurs 11th Feb 11:00-12:00 |
| 15th Feb | Referencing and avoiding plagiarism <i>How do I reference correctly, and when should I provide a reference? What is plagiarism, and how do I avoid it?</i> | Thurs 18th Feb 11:00-12:00 |
| 22nd Feb | Editing academic work <i>How can I identify and correct mistakes in my academic writing?</i> | Thurs 25th Feb 11:00-12:00 |
| 1st Mar | Using feedback <i>What does my feedback mean, and how do I use it to improve?</i> | Thurs 4th Mar 11:00-12:00 |

Moodle course link: <https://moodle.gla.ac.uk/course/view.php?id=10314>

Recording link: <https://moodle.gla.ac.uk/mod/page/view.php?id=1915922>

Postgraduate Essay Writing Classes

These classes are designed to: help you familiarise yourself with the key principles of essay writing at the University of Glasgow; help you build on existing knowledge; and help you improve on the content and style of your written submissions. The sessions will cover the core elements of essay writing and align with the University marking criteria for written work.

Postgraduate Taught students in the Colleges of Arts and Social Sciences should attend or view the recordings.

| Week Beginning | Class Details Each class is available as a recording, with slides and additional resources also available via Moodle. Moodle course link: https://moodle.gla.ac.uk/course/view.php?id=10314 | Q&A Panel Session You can ask questions live in the panel sessions or post them on the Moodle Q&A forum. Zoom Link: https://uofglasgow.zoom.us/j/92815499805 Zoom ID: 973 6861 8079 |
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| 18th Jan | Approaching a written assignment <i>What is the purpose of essays as assessment? What does my essay question mean and how do I answer it?</i> | Thurs 21st Jan 14:00-15:00 |
| 25th Jan | Using sources, information, and data <i>I have information, facts and figures - now what? How do I incorporate that into my writing?</i> | Thurs 28th Jan 14:00-15:00 |
| 1st Feb | Creating an argument <i>What is an argument, and how do I develop one throughout my writing?</i> | Thurs 4th Feb 14:00-15:00 |
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Recording link: <https://moodle.gla.ac.uk/mod/page/view.php?id=1915876>

Undergraduate Dissertation Writing Classes

These classes are designed to: guide you through the process of creating and investigating a research question; clarify approaches to the dissertation's components and structure; and create a dissertation that will showcase your strengths as a researcher.

Undergraduate students in the Colleges of Arts and Social Sciences should attend or view the recordings.

| Class Details | | Q&A Panel Session |
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| Week Beginning | <p>Each class is available as a recording, with slides and additional resources also available via Moodle*,</p> <p>Moodle course link: https://moodle.gla.ac.uk/course/view.php?id=2464</p> | <p>You can ask questions live in the panel sessions or post them on the Moodle Q&A forum.</p> <p>Zoom Link: https://uofglasgow.zoom.us/j/99306699391</p> <p>Zoom ID: 993 0669 9391</p> |
| 18th Jan | <p>Your dissertation's research topic and question <i>How do I find a topic that is worthy of a dissertation? What is a research question, why is it important, and how do I formulate one?</i></p> | <p>Wed 20th Jan 14:00-15:00</p> |
| 25th Jan | <p>Writing your dissertation's literature review <i>How do I conduct and write my literature review? What should it add to my dissertation?</i></p> | <p>Wed 27th Jan 14:00-15:00</p> |
| 1st Feb | <p>Writing about your dissertation's methodology <i>What is my methodology, why is it important, and how do I write about my research process?</i></p> | |
| 8th Feb | <p>Your dissertation's argument <i>How do I develop an argument for my dissertation?</i></p> | |
| 15th Feb | <p>Your dissertation's structure <i>How do I organise, structure, and divide my dissertation? What goes in each section?</i></p> | |

Moodle course link: <https://moodle.gla.ac.uk/course/view.php?id=2464>

Recording link: <https://moodle.gla.ac.uk/mod/lti/view.php?id=1887534>

Postgraduate Dissertation Development Classes

These classes are designed to: guide you through the process of creating and investigating a research question; clarify approaches to the dissertation's components and structure; and create a dissertation that will showcase your strengths as a researcher.

Postgraduate Taught students in the Colleges of Arts and Social Sciences should attend or view the recordings.

Please note that a more in-depth series of Postgraduate Dissertation Writing Classes will also run in Semester 3.

| Class Details | | Q&A Panel Session |
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| Each class is available as a recording, with slides and additional resources also available via Moodle. Moodle course link: https://moodle.gla.ac.uk/course/view.php?id=10313 | | You can ask questions live in the panel sessions or post them on the Moodle Q&A forum. Zoom Link: https://uofglasgow.zoom.us/j/95071484380 Zoom ID: 950 7148 4380 |
| Week Beginning | | |
| 1st Mar | Your dissertation's research topic and question <i>How do I find a topic that is worthy of a dissertation? What is a research question, why is it important, and how do I formulate one?</i> | Wed 3rd Mar 14:00-15:00 |
| 8th Mar | Your dissertation's research process <i>How do I begin the process of conducting research into my dissertation? How do I begin to critically analyse literature?</i> | Wed 10th Mar 14:00-15:00 |
| 15th Mar | Your dissertation as a project <i>How do I manage my dissertation as a project independently? What should I be doing as I work towards my deadline?</i> | |

Moodle course link: <https://moodle.gla.ac.uk/course/view.php?id=10313>

Recording link: <https://moodle.gla.ac.uk/mod/lti/view.php?id=1953185>

Advanced Criticality Classes

These classes are designed to: introduce you to key concepts and principles of criticality; help you build on your existing knowledge; and help you improve the level of criticality in your research process and written submissions. These sessions build on our Essay Writing classes.

Undergraduate and Postgraduate Taught students in the Colleges of Arts and Social Sciences should attend or view the recordings.

| | Class Details Each class will be made available as a recording after the session, with slides and additional resources also available via Moodle. | Class Time and Date These classes will run live at the below times. Zoom Link: https://uofglasgow.zoom.us/j/94748501677 Zoom ID: 947 4850 1677 |
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| Week Beginning | Moodle course link: https://moodle.gla.ac.uk/course/view.php?id=24318 | |
| 1st Feb | Critical research as a process I <i>How can I define the scope of my research/topic/question? How can I be attentive and objective (i.e. critical) in my reading?</i> | Wed 3rd Feb 11:00-12:30 |
| 8th Feb | Critical research as a process I <i>How can I synthesise and interpret my research and analysis? How can I build a comprehensive map of the literature?</i> | Wed 10th Feb 11:00-12:30 |
| 15th Feb | Using evidence with precision <i>What is the purpose of using evidence in essay writing? How do I write about my evidence?</i> | Wed 17th Feb 11:00-12:30 |
| 22nd Feb | Building and developing effective arguments I <i>What is argumentation in academic writing? How do I structure and develop convincing arguments in essays?</i> | Wed 24th Feb 11:00-12:30 |
| 1st Mar | Building and developing effective arguments II <i>How do I make sure that my arguments are clear and logical? How can I ensure my reader/marker understand my arguments?</i> | Wed 3rd Mar 11:00-12:30 |

Moodle course link: <https://moodle.gla.ac.uk/course/view.php?id=24318>

Mastering Academic Writing Classes

These classes look at the components of academic writing in detail, allowing you to fine-tune your writing style. The classes explore writing at different levels, ranging from grammatical elements to the overarching structure of your work, giving you the necessary toolkit to excel in formal writing.

Undergraduate and Postgraduate Taught students in the Colleges of Arts and Social Sciences should

| | Class Details | Class Time and Date |
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| Week Beginning | Each class will be made available as a recording after the session, with slides and additional resources also available via Moodle. Moodle link: https://moodle.gla.ac.uk/course/view.php?id=12516 | These classes will run live at the below times. Zoom Link: https://uofglasgow.zoom.us/j/93846394964 Zoom ID: 938 4639 4964 |
| 1st Feb | Explaining yourself in writing <i>How can I make sure that my arguments are clear and unambiguous? How can I maintain clarity in my writing through structural and stylistic choices?</i> | Tues 2nd Feb 14:00-15:30 |
| 8th Feb | Grammar in writing I <i>How do I make sure that my writing is grammatically correct and free of mistakes?</i> | Tues 9th Feb 14:00-15:30 |
| 15th Feb | Grammar in writing II <i>More grammar!</i> | Tues 16th Feb 14:00-15:30 |
| 22nd Feb | Sentence structure in writing <i>How can I structure complex sentences and revise my sentences for clarity?</i> | Tues 23rd Feb 14:00-15:30 |
| 1st Mar | Logic and flow in writing <i>How do I check the logic and flow of my arguments? How do I move from one paragraph to the next?</i> | Tues 2nd Mar 14:00-15:30 |
| 8th Mar | Formality in writing <i>How can I write in an academic way, and how do I make sure that I am being objective in my writing?</i> | Tues 9th Mar 14:00-15:30 |

Moodle course link: <https://moodle.gla.ac.uk/course/view.php?id=12516>

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. The lecture component of each class will be recorded and made available via [Moodle](#) shortly after each session. You can also access the slides and materials for all of our classes on our [Moodle](#), as well as additional resources such as handouts and useful links.

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. You can attend whichever classes are most convenient for, or most useful to you.

Our classes currently take two complementary forms: a Core Class and a Spotlight Session. The Core Class introduces all the key aspects of the week's topic, while the Spotlight Session provides space for a more in-depth focus on a specific aspect of the week's topic. We have designed these sessions to provide you with more autonomy in your academic development so you can be selective in which sessions you choose to attend.

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 their 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.