Being Critical is a lecture series that introduces you to the fundamentals necessary for critical thinking at university, including information about criticality, plagiarism, types of evidence, and demonstrating authority in writing.

Undergraduate and Postgraduate Taught students from any College should attend.

Class Details
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Class Time and Date
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- **An Introduction to Being Critical**
  - *This lecture discusses the fundamentals of critical thinking.*

- **Plagiarism and Ownership of Knowledge**
  - *This interactive lecture provides a background to the concept of plagiarism and guides participants through examples.*

- **Types of Evidence**
  - *This lecture discusses different types of evidence and explains which types are suitable for evidence in academic writing.*

- **Demonstrating Authority in Academic Writing**
  - *This interactive lecture provides an analysis of how authors achieve authority in their writing.*
Effective Reading is a lecture series focusing on the transition into academic and critical reading. It also provides advice about how to effectively find literature and read purposefully.

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<td>4th Oct</td>
<td><strong>Becoming a Critical Reader</strong>&lt;br&gt;This interactive lecture offers the chance to practice critical and evaluative reading.</td>
<td>Tues 5th Oct&lt;br&gt;11:00-12:00&lt;br&gt;14:00-15:00</td>
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<td><strong>Finding Literature</strong>&lt;br&gt;This lecture introduces effective ways of finding and filing academic literature.</td>
<td>Tues 12th Oct&lt;br&gt;11:00-12:00&lt;br&gt;14:00-15:00</td>
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<td><strong>Reading for Structure</strong>&lt;br&gt;This lecture identifies structures in texts that can be applied to improve your academic writing.</td>
<td>Tues 19th Oct&lt;br&gt;11:00-12:00&lt;br&gt;14:00-15:00</td>
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Effective Writing is a lecture series that is designed to help international students better understand the writing conventions expected at UofG.

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<td>This lecture discusses issues for getting started with academic writing as an international student.</td>
<td>Thurs 30th Sept 11:00-12:00 14:00-15:00</td>
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<td>Structuring and Developing Essay Paragraphs</td>
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<td>This lecture presents you with a dialogic approach to writing essay-style paragraphs.</td>
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<td>Writing Essay Introductions and Conclusions</td>
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<td>This lecture discusses what elements are necessary to writing effective introductions and conclusions.</td>
<td>Thurs 14th Oct 11:00-12:00 14:00-15:00</td>
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<td>Academic Discourse</td>
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<td>This lecture discusses the concept of academic discourse and its importance to effective writing.</td>
<td>Thurs 21st Oct 11:00-12:00 14:00-15:00</td>
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The podcast aims to give a weekly round up of the key messages from across the lecture series with a discussion between the presenters and with questions from the student audience. Students are invited to attend and contribute with any questions that they have about their academic study.

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| 27th Sept      | **Podcast for Semester Week 2**  
This week's podcast rounds up the main issues from across the lecture series, inviting student participation and questions. | Fri 1st Oct  
12:00-13:00 |
| 4th Oct        | **Podcast for Semester Week 3**  
This week's podcast rounds up the main issues from across the lecture series, inviting student participation and questions. | Fri 8th Oct  
12:00-13:00 |
| 11th Oct       | **Podcast for Semester Week 4**  
This week's podcast rounds up the main issues from across the lecture series, inviting student participation and questions. | Fri 15th Oct  
12:00-13:00 |
| 18th Oct       | **Podcast for Semester Week 5**  
This week's podcast rounds up the main issues from across the lecture series, inviting student participation and questions. | Fri 22nd Oct  
12:00-13:00 |
### Class Details

These classes are interactive workshops.

They will involve tasks and require participation from attendees.

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<td>Incorporating Evidence into Essay Writing&lt;br&gt;This workshop offers the chance to discuss the incorporation of evidence with some examples.</td>
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<td>8th Nov</td>
<td>Nominalisation&lt;br&gt;This interactive workshop shows how nominalisation can make your writing sound more academic.</td>
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<td>15th Nov</td>
<td>Reading for Language&lt;br&gt;This interactive workshop offers a strategy for reading that can improve your academic writing.</td>
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<td>22nd Nov</td>
<td>Writing what You Really Think&lt;br&gt;This workshop suggests a strategy for academic writing that can help with criticality.</td>
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<td>Referencing Guidance&lt;br&gt;This lecture introduces the basics of referencing, using examples from Harvard and MHRA conventions.</td>
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<td>Writing Definitions&lt;br&gt;This workshop explains how to write definitions.</td>
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<td>Creating Context in Essay Writing&lt;br&gt;This workshop discusses the importance of creating a context for writing and provides examples.</td>
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<td>Writing Simple Compound and Complex Sentences&lt;br&gt;This interactive workshop offers advice about structuring sentences accurately.</td>
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<td>How to prepare for an online exam&lt;br&gt;This lecture provides useful guidance on how to approach online exams.</td>
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<td>Online Exam Q&amp;A&lt;br&gt;Drop in to this class to get your exam preparation questions answered.</td>
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To access the lecture materials, you can enrol yourself onto the class Moodle: [moodle.gla.ac.uk/LEADS/International](https://moodle.gla.ac.uk/LEADS/International)

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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.

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.
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. You can access the class materials—along with many other useful resources—via our Moodle site.

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. Most of the classes are repeated so you can attend whichever classes are most convenient for, or most useful to you.

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 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.