

COR160 Essential Academic Writing Skills

Level: 1

Credit Units: 2.5 Credit Units

Language: ENGLISH

Presentation Pattern: EVERY SEMESTER

Synopsis:

This University core course offers the essential writing skills required by undergraduates in a university to help them function effectively in an academic environment and beyond. The course introduces students to the basic principles of critical reading and writing skills, such as summarizing, paraphrasing, quoting and synthesizing information from different texts, critically evaluating information for use in project papers, selecting and incorporating information from other sources in a text as well as accurately documenting such information within and at the end of a text following referencing conventions. These skills are generic and transferable to other disciplines and students can apply them immediately in their class work, assignments, project papers and examinations.

Topics:

- What Is Academic Writing and Writing as a Process
- Reading Critically
- Working with Multiple Sources
- Summarising, Paraphrasing & Quoting
- Synthesising
- Writing a Persuasive Argumentative Essay
- Understanding Fallacies

Textbooks:

Pearson Customized: Essential Academic Writing Skills 2nd Edition (Txtbk ISBN 9789814576437) 2
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ISBN-13: 9789813131194-AA

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Learning Outcome:

- Demonstrate an understanding of the key concepts and principles underlying academic writing and presentation skills
- Evaluate information critically from various sources to respond to a task
- Write summaries, paraphrases and quotes of texts in response to a given task
- Synthesise information from various sources in their writing in response to a given task
- Use process writing to develop a rhetorical structure of an essay
- Apply persuasive argumentative writing strategies in response to a given task
- Write for an audience by understanding their attributes, needs and expectations
- Cite sources in their writing using the proper citation and referencing style

Assessment Strategies:

| Continuous Assessment Component | Weightage (%) |
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| TUTOR-MARKED ASSIGNMENT | 45 |
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| QUIZ | 10 |
| Sub-Total | 100 |

| Examinable Component | Weightage (%) |
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| Sub-Total | |

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