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Advanced Topics in Teaching English for Academic Purposes

Session 2, Online-flexible 2022

Department of Linguistics

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General Information

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Credit points

10

Prerequisites

Admission to MRes

Corequisites

Co-badged status

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Unit description

This unit will provide you with an understanding of the features of academic discourse, focusing on the genres used by different disciplinary communities, and the way these communities use the lexico-grammatical resources of academic English to achieve their purposes. We examine the identities projected by academics in their writing, and the ways in which student writers develop their understanding of and ability to project appropriate identities. This understanding provides the basis for consideration of approaches to needs analysis, course and materials development and assessment. The challenges typically faced by both native and non-native speakers of English will be explored.

Important Academic Dates

Information about important academic dates including deadlines for withdrawing from units are available at <https://www.mq.edu.au/study/calendar-of-dates>

Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this unit, you will be able to:

ULO1: Critically discuss the nature and features of academic discourse

ULO2: Demonstrate an understanding of and ability to use a range of academic genres

ULO3: Explain key issues related to teaching language for academic purposes to both first language and second language speakers

ULO4: Critically evaluate academic language course design and select appropriate learning materials drawing on principles of needs analysis

ULO5: Evaluate the appropriateness of academic language teaching materials and assessment tasks for use with specific student cohorts

General Assessment Information

For detailed assessment information, please refer to the assignment guides and videos on iLearn under the "Assessment" tab.

Assessment Tasks

Name	Weighting	Hurdle	Due
Essay on a Topic of Interest	40%	No	12 August 2022
Materials Review	40%	Yes	23 September 2022
Article Summary	20%	No	4 November 2022

Essay on a Topic of Interest

Assessment Type ¹: Essay

Indicative Time on Task ²: 30 hours

Due: **12 August 2022**

Weighting: **40%**

Students write an essay on a topic of interest relating to the teaching of English for Academic Purposes (1500 words)

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Materials Review

Assessment Type ¹: Qualitative analysis task

Indicative Time on Task ²: 32 hours

Due: **23 September 2022**

Weighting: **40%**

This is a hurdle assessment task (see [assessment policy](#) for more information on hurdle assessment tasks)

Students critically analyse English for Academic Purposes (EAP) teaching materials taken from published sources (2500 words)

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Article Summary

Assessment Type ¹: Summary

Indicative Time on Task ²: 10 hours

Due: **4 November 2022**

Weighting: **20%**

Students summarise an article assigned by the unit convenor (1000 words)

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¹ If you need help with your assignment, please contact:

- the academic teaching staff in your unit for guidance in understanding or completing this type of assessment

- the [Writing Centre](#) for academic skills support.

² Indicative time-on-task is an estimate of the time required for completion of the assessment task and is subject to individual variation

Delivery and Resources

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Seminar (face-to-face): A two hour weekly seminar (Central Courtyard, Rm. 214)

Seminar (online): Recorded seminar videos available on iLearn

Policies and Procedures

Macquarie University policies and procedures are accessible from [Policy Central](https://policies.mq.edu.au) (<https://policies.mq.edu.au>). Students should be aware of the following policies in particular with regard to Learning and Teaching:

- [Academic Appeals Policy](#)
- [Academic Integrity Policy](#)
- [Academic Progression Policy](#)
- [Assessment Policy](#)
- [Fitness to Practice Procedure](#)
- [Grade Appeal Policy](#)
- [Complaint Management Procedure for Students and Members of the Public](#)
- [Special Consideration Policy](#)

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Results

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Student Support

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Learning Skills

Learning Skills (mq.edu.au/learningskills) provides academic writing resources and study strategies to help you improve your marks and take control of your study.

- [Getting help with your assignment](#)
- [Workshops](#)
- [StudyWise](#)
- [Academic Integrity Module](#)

The Library provides online and face to face support to help you find and use relevant information resources.

- [Subject and Research Guides](#)
- [Ask a Librarian](#)

Student Services and Support

Students with a disability are encouraged to contact the [Disability Service](#) who can provide appropriate help with any issues that arise during their studies.

Student Enquiries

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IT Help

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Academic Integrity

At Macquarie, we believe [academic integrity](#) – honesty, respect, trust, responsibility, fairness and courage – is at the core of learning, teaching and research. We recognise that meeting the expectations required to complete your assessments can be challenging. So, we offer you a range of resources and services to help you reach your potential, including free [online writing and maths support](#), [academic skills development](#) and [wellbeing consultations](#).

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The Writing Centre

[The Writing Centre](#) provides resources to develop your English language proficiency, academic writing, and communication skills.

- [Workshops](#)
- [Chat with a WriteWISE peer writing leader](#)
- [Access StudyWISE](#)
- [Upload an assignment to Studiosity](#)
- [Complete the Academic Integrity Module](#)

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- [IT Support](#)
- [Accessibility and disability support](#) with study
- Mental health [support](#)
- [Safety support](#) to respond to bullying, harassment, sexual harassment and sexual assault
- [Social support including information about finances, tenancy and legal issues](#)

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