

HW0208
ACADEMIC COMMUNICATION IN THE SOCIAL SCIENCES

Study Year : SSS (PSY, SOC, ECON, PPGA) Year 1; HaSS Double major (ECPS, ECPP, PSLM, ECMA, PSMA)
Year 1

Academic Units : 2 AUs

Pre-requisite : HW0105 Academic Communication in the Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

By the end of this course, students will be able to:

1. gather and critically evaluate relevant sources;
2. write up an annotated bibliography;
3. present a short research proposal;
4. write about qualitative and quantitative data;
5. evaluate and identify findings and write up the critical discussion; and
6. write up a short research report.

CONTENT

This course aims to equip students with the necessary skills for gathering and reviewing credible academic sources and writing up and presenting a short research report by:

1. reading and responding academic texts in the field of Social Sciences;
2. gathering and evaluating relevant academic sources;
3. writing about qualitative and quantitative data; and
4. presenting and writing up a short research in the academic context.

COURSE OUTLINE

Week	Tutorial topics	Reading/Activities
1	No tutorial	-
2	Reading and responding to texts in the Social Sciences	Unit 1
3	The Literature review (I): Gathering information	Unit 2
4	The Literature Review (II): Reviewing sources	Unit 3
5	Writing a research report (I)	Unit 4
6	Writing a research report (II): Revising and editing your report	Unit 5
7	Writing up results (I)	Unit 6
8	Writing up results (II)	Unit 7
9	Interdisciplinary reading and writing (I) in the Social Sciences	Unit 8
10	Interdisciplinary reading and writing (II) in the Social Sciences	Unit 9
11	The Social Sciences today	Unit 10
12	In-class presentations	Student presentation
13	In-class presentations; Course review	Student presentation

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STUDENT ASSESSMENT

Students will be assessed by 100% continuous assessment. The assignments will focus on the course objectives of achieving proficiency in writing academic essays and presenting arguments effectively.

Assessment**Weighting****Written assignments****65%**

Students will demonstrate their mastery of skills learned in this course through 2 written assignments.

Oral presentations**20%**

Students will give a 3-5 minute oral presentation of their second assignment.

Class participation**15%****TEXTBOOKS/REFERENCES**

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