Academic Skills at UNSW offers workshop programmes throughout the academic year on a wide variety of academic skills. Some workshops focus on, or explain, different tasks such as essays, oral presentations, reports and research papers. Other workshops help students develop particular skills essential to academic study such as critical thinking, referencing and understanding what plagiarism is.

Register for workshop
Log in to see the weekly schedules and to make a booking

Academic skills workshops
Develop your skills in these workshops

Academic Skills Plus
General Education course to help students improve their academic skills

Online academic writing workshop
Self-access writing skills workshop series delivered online
What students say

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"Kind teachers and rich resources, the skills provided are practical and very useful, very helpful to our assignments."

"It's good to join the workshops as I know that I am not alone and not the only one who has difficulties in doing research. Besides, the experiences the conveners have shared makes study much easier and helped me avoid many mistakes. It is always fruitful to attend these classes."

"There was a good balance between theory and hands-on activities. All lecturers came very well prepared."

"They were of very high quality, pertinent, very well delivered. Not least, they were entertaining and a pleasure to listen to."

"It was a mixture of tips and practical hands on work which I'm sure will be helpful for my masters thesis. I'd like to look into more of these courses."

"Well-constructed with relevant information, great delivery, engaging presenters."

(Comments from Learning Centre Evaluation Surveys)
Academic workshops are designed for undergraduate and postgraduate students. A small selection are also specifically designed for students whose first language is not English. Academic skills workshops are typically 30 minutes to 1 hour in duration. Some workshops are run as a series and may be held once a week; that is, they are developmental. Others are run as 'once only' workshops. Workshop sizes are usually limited to a maximum of 30 students to maintain a fairly informal structure.