The UNSW Learning Centre 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 short classes held throughout the academic year

Postgrad Coursework Day

Supporting postgraduate coursework students in their academic coursework.

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

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Online academic writing workshop
Self-access writing skills workshop series delivered online

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Conversation Café
Practice ‘everyday’ English speaking and build social networks

Working with Academic Integrity online module
For good academic practice

Thesis Writing Support Program
Feedback on thesis writing for HDR students

Postgraduate research short courses
Short courses for postgraduate research

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)

Upcoming workshops

Learning Centre 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 one to two hours in duration. Some workshops are run as a series and may be held once a week for two to seven weeks. 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.