Ready4ANU: International

ANU Library Academic Skills
Australian National University acknowledges, celebrates, and pays our respects to the Ngunnawal and Ngambri people of the Canberra region and to all First Nations Australians on whose traditional lands we meet and work, and whose cultures are among the oldest continuing cultures in human history.
Today’s session

• Transition to new culture and education setting
• Tools for thriving in your first semester
• Writing and researching at university
Warm-up activity:
• Introduce yourself
• What are you studying?
• What questions do you have regarding your upcoming studies at ANU?
• What will be your biggest challenge?
Transitioning

1. “Honeymoon” or “tourist” phase
2. Crisis or shock phase
3. Adjustment, reorientation, and gradual recovery phase
4. Adaptation, resolution, or acculturation phase

What are some differences you’ve noticed about Australian culture?

Academic culture?
Cultural practices that we see – explicit

Food

Due dates

Grades

Dress

Course requirements

Language

Cultural and academic practices that we see – explicit

Class attendance

Treatment of guests

Writing style

Acknowledging sources

What to call the professor

Body language

Cultural practices that are hidden – implicit

Manners

Speaking up in class

Courtship practices

Seeking help

Helping friends with their work

Cultural and academic practices that are hidden – implicit
Writing styles depend on culture

Writer responsible

Reader responsible

We want to know the end of your argument at the beginning

Be reminded of it all the way through your text

And for you to remind us about it at the end!

What might this mean for your studies?
Many challenges lie ahead

- Studying online
- Amount of reading
- Writing standards
- Using academic language
- Class types
- Time management
- Amount of feedback
Key message: reflect on your experience

• Reflect on how your learning and acculturation is going
• Identify strengths and areas for improvement
• Critically evaluate strategies and plan for next time
• Seek advice on what you need to know
Tools for surviving your first semester
Class types

Lectures
- For delivering core content
- Used in all disciplines

Laboratories
- For testing and experimenting
- Used in science, computer science, languages, engineering

Workshops/Seminars
- Combination of lecture/tutorial
- Used in a number of disciplines

Tutorials
- For discussing core concepts
- Used mostly in humanities

Participating in class

- Find out which classes have compulsory participation
- Be active in your lectures by taking notes (in English)
- Prepare for tutorials by completing required reading and practicing answers
- Join Let’s Speak English to improve conversational fluency
Develop time management strategies

Goal setting
Weekly routine
Break down the tasks

Google: ANU Time Management
Boost your motivation

- Acknowledge the challenge
- Create small, daily goals
- Develop a growth mindset
- Develop a balanced routine
Developing research strategies

• Use ANU Library SuperSearch and Google Scholar
• Attend Library training
• Check out the online resources on the Library and Academic Skills websites
Developing reading strategies

• First, identify questions
  • Tutorial questions
  • Task questions

• Next, skim to find the answers to your questions

• Then do closer, more focused reading

PURPOSE
Why am I reading this?

1. Search
2. Skim
3. Select
4. Study
Developing note-taking skills

• Develop a system
• Ask questions while you read
  • Similarities / differences?
  • Why do the authors say this?
  • Why relevant to the course?
• Try different systems (writing, typing, Cornell, mind mapping)
• Make summaries
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| 1. Anna Eleanor Roosevelt was born to Elliott and Anna Hall Roosevelt in New York on Oct. 11, 1884. Theodore Roosevelt, the 25th President, was her uncle. The families of both her parents were prominent socially, the Roosevelts a wealthy family of Dutch descent and the Halls of the same family. Philip Livingston, the English-descended signer of the Declaration of Independence. | • Born in 1884  
• famous family background: uncle  
Theodore was 25th US President; Philip Livingston signed the Declaration of Independence. | Eleanor Roosevelt was the niece of the 25th US President, Theodore Roosevelt.[ref]                  |

- Paraphrase from your notes
- Don’t try to include every point you read
- Show your understanding of the source’s argument
- Relate source to your own work
Developing referencing skills

- Find out what styles you need to use
- Use a reputable referencing guide (e.g. Monash University)
- Paraphrase from your notes
- Use the Turnitin Practice site
- We have Academic Integrity and Referencing webpages
Developing academic writing skills

• Familiarise yourself with persuasive writing techniques
  1. Clear thesis statement
  2. Signposting of logic
  3. Topic sentences that develop line of argument

• Come see us to get feedback before you submit a paper

• See our website: anu.edu.au/academicskills
Get to know your fellow students
Finally, be proactive – seek help early!

There is plenty of support available; you are not alone in your journey!
Individual consults to support your academic writing and research skills

**LEARNING ADVISERS**
- 45 minute booked consults for research and coursework students
- Face-to-face, online via Zoom, or written feedback
- Available throughout the year

**WRITING COACHES**
- 30 minute booked consults for coursework students
- Face-to-face, online via Zoom, or written feedback
- Available during semester

**PEER WRITERS**
- Receive academic advice from a fellow student
- 10-15 minute drop-ins
- At Chifley Library or online via Zoom
- Available Mon-Fri during semester 12-3pm

**DIGITAL LITERACY TRAINERS**
- Receive support for your thesis formatting, EndNote and subject-specialist research
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- Available throughout the year

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