

MODULE DESCRIPTOR

MODULE TITLE	WRITING SKILLS		
MODULE CODE	LW1014(L4)	CREDIT VALUE	10 UK CREDITS / <u>5 ECTS</u>
SCHOOL	SCHOOL OF LAW		

MODULE AIMS

This module is designed to improve students' academic writing skills and to build confidence in relation to written work. Students will be introduced to a variety of writing styles including appropriate academic writing and expression. A range of other forms of writing will also be examined, such as legal writing and creative writing, in order to foster an appreciation of the difference between academic and other forms of writing. The key focus of the module is to build competence and confidence in academic writing and this is reflected in the course content and assessment criteria.

MODULE CONTENT

- Academic Writing – styles and approaches
- Clarity in written work – punctuation, 'standard English'
- Narrative, Discussion and Argument
- Analysis and Summaries
- Comparative styles and forms of writing, context and purpose

INTENDED LEARNING OUTCOMES

1. Provide evidence of their improved academic writing skills and an increased confidence in their written work
 2. Display an appreciation of the of the variety of forms and styles of writing
 3. Demonstrate a critical awareness of the appropriateness of a range of different writing styles to their purpose and content
 4. Apply their increased awareness of the varieties of writing styles and formats to their own reading and writing in a legal context
-

TEACHING METHODS

Class contact is in the form of on campus workshops combining activities which are both teacher and / or student led.

Activities will include:

- Discussions, prescribed guided and self-selected reading and reflection on teaching and learning, materials provided.
- Introduction of aspects of writing skills followed by the opportunity to apply and practice what they have learned via group exercises.
- During timetabled learning sessions students will be required to work both individually and in groups. They will be required to present their work to the group both orally and in written format thus developing communication skills.
- Presentations of on-line resources and self-test exercises to aid private study. This will support writing and IT skills.

In accordance with the university's equality and diversity policy, reasonable adjustments will be made for students with learning difficulty.

ASSESSMENT METHODS

This module is assessed through two in class writing exercises, a punctuation exercise and a reflective essay.

LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION

English