



English for Academic Purposes

Aims

English for Academic Purposes (EAP) is intended to provide general preparation for students intending to study in a tertiary academic setting. It is intended to provide an introduction to western, and specifically Australian, academic culture and to the typical authentic interactions and activities engaged in within a tertiary academic setting; in other words, to equip students with the necessary communicative competence to successfully undertake an undergraduate degree.

The aims of the subject are identified within the context of the macro skills of reading, writing, listening and speaking. While lexis is considered within the context of these macro skills, grammar is identified as a separate component, since it plays a critical role in developing academic communicative competence. Academic skills are also identified separately.

Learning outcomes

After successfully completing this subject students should be able to:

- > Use an appropriate writing style in academic assignments
- > Develop a written argument
- > Take notes when listening to a lecture at undergraduate degree level
- > Participate in seminar and tutorial discussions
- > Deliver an oral presentation for an academic audience
- > Acknowledge sources using a Harvard style referencing system
- > Understand the issues surrounding plagiarism.

Prerequisites and assumed knowledge

The pre-requisite for the course is an IELTS score of 5.5 or equivalent.

Subject content

Week	Topic and assessment schedule
1	Orientation week
2	Introduction to Academic English
3 – 4	Note-taking, paraphrasing & summarising
5	The issue of plagiarism & an introduction to referencing
6 – 8	Structuring an essay
9	Creating an essay plan
10	Peer editing
Break	
11-12	Oral Presentations & group work
13-14	Lecture listening
15	Practice integrated skills task
16	Integrated skills task
17	Nominalisation
18	SWOTVAC
19	Exam Week
20	Exam review
Break	
21	Choosing a research topic & evaluating sources
22	Compiling an annotated bibliography
23 – 24	Sentence structure: clauses
25 – 26	Developing a thesis statement & organising a rebuttal
27	Creating an essay plan
28	Group discussion
29 – 30	Debate
Break	
31 – 32	Oral presentations
33	Practice integrated skills task
34	Integrated skills task
35	Revision
36	Revision. SWOTVAC
37 – 38	Exams
39	Graduation and transcript collection
40	End of course



Assessment

General weightings for each assessment item are outlined below

Assessment item	Weighting	Due dates
Assessment 1	5%	Week 5
Assessment 2	3%	Week 9
Assessment 3	4%	Week 12
Assessment 4	5%	Week 11
Assessment 5	10%	Week 12
Academic skills	6%	On going
Midyear examination	9%	As per College examination timetable
Assessment 6	5%	Week 22
Assessment 7	3%	Week 26
Assessment 8	4%	Week 30
Assessment 9	9%	Week 32
Assessment 10	10%	Week 34
Academic skills	7%	On going
Final examination	20%	As per College examination timetable