

Faculty of Higher Education

Subject Code	RES501
Subject Name	Foundation Academic Communication Skills
Credit points	6
Study Level	Year 1
Delivery mode	On campus
Location	Melbourne
Prerequisites	None

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Subject Overview	Using the ACER Online Language Literacy and Numeracy indicator results, as well as knowledge and experience of the Australian Core Skills Framework to inform teaching practices, the Foundation Academic Communication Skills (FACS) subject focuses on assisting Higher Education first year and articulating students in the <i>early development</i> of essential 'academic' skills through practical tutorial activities, computer lab on-line activities, study groups, assessments and by drawing specifically on content from the degree. These skills include grammar, writing (structural and analytical), reading for purpose, verbal discussion, critical thinking, oral presentation and basic numeracy, all of which are required for successful progression through the degree program.
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Learning Outcomes	Apply effective study and time management strategies
	Differentiate between reliable and unreliable research sources
	Analyse, evaluate and integrate relevant sources to argue a point of view
	Apply basic numeracy skills for discipline specific purposes
	Demonstrate appropriate vocabulary, grammar and academic writing conventions

Assessments	Details	Weighting
	Academic Skills Test 1	15%
	Academic Skills Test 2	15%
	Group Debate	20%
	Essay	50%

Graduate Attributes addressed in this subject	Cognitive skills to <i>analyse and critique, synthesise and consolidate</i> knowledge
	Scholarly skills
	Communication skills
	Personal attributes - Study habits, time management, confidence, critical thinking, presentation skills