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# **Definitive Module Document**

1. MODULE CODE:	0WHU2006	Academic Session: 2019	Version: 2
2. LONG TITLE:	Pre-sessional English	for Academic Purposes HIGHER 2 (online)	
3. SCHOOL/ DEPARTMENT	: Humanities		
4. CREDITS:	30		
5. DATE FIRST OFFERED:	15-JUN-20		
6. LEVEL:	0		
7. LOCATION:	U H Online (O N L)		

### 8. Module Aims:

The aims of this module are to enable students to ...

- 1. Improve their command of English for academic purposes;
- 2. Develop their know ledge of English for academic purposes;

3. Develop their reading, listening, w riting, speaking and study skills in the context of English for academic purposes.

### 9. Intended Learning Outcomes:

#### 9a. Knowledge and Understanding:

Successful students will typically:

- 1. Demonstrate a know ledge of a good range of vocabulary common to academic texts in their subject area;
- 2. Demonstrate an understanding of how to use texts to increase grammatical, lexical and discoursal know ledge;

3. Demonstrate an understanding of how grammar and vocabulary contribute to create more complex written and spoken academic discourse;

4. Demonstrate know ledge of strategies that can be employed to increase reading efficiency and critical reading;

5. Demonstrate know ledge of strategies to improve listening to spoken input in academic situations including seminars and lectures;

6. Demonstrate know ledge of academic referencing conventions.

### 9b. Skills and Attributes:

Successful students will typically:

- 1. Plan and write a good range of academic essays and reports;
- 2. Apply different reading strategies appropriately to a good range of texts;
- 3. Produce spoken English intelligibly and effectively in a good range of situations;

4. Demonstrate understanding of spoken input in conversations, seminars and lectures with a good range of vocabulary;

- 5. Take coherent notes from a good range of talks, lectures and reading;
- 6. Utilise sources and employ appropriate academic referencing conventions;
- 7. Work effectively in an online group;
- 8. Use a range of library and internet resources effectively.

# 10. Modes of Delivery:

The follow ing represents the mode and associated learning activities.

# 10a. Delivery Mode:

Distance

# 10b. Activities:

Activity	Hours
1.Classroom based lectures	0
2. Classroom based seminars and tutorials	0

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Activity	Hours
3. Classroom based practical classes, w orkshops, studios or demonstrations	0
4.Scheduled online activities (ie online versions of the above)	120
5.Scheduled external learning activities - fieldw ork, external visits and w ork based learning	0
6.Online directed independent study	80
7.Other directed independent study	80
8.Self-directed independent study	20
9.Placement	0
10.Year Abroad	0
TOTAL HOURS	300

## 11. Module Content:

## 11a. Module Content: (for publication, max 150 words)

The Pre-sessional English Online (12 weeks) course is designed to improve a student's level of English for Academic Purposes. This module is for students who have IELTS 5.5 (Higher), who want to progress to the level required by the follow -on course: IELTS equivalent of 6.5.

The course focuses on:

1. vocabulary development including strategies for record keeping and the opportunity to apply in writing and speaking activities

- 2. strategies for effective and critical reading of texts
- 3. w riting a report or researched essay
- 4. academic w riting and speaking conventions
- 5. listening comprehension strategies and note taking

6. the development of know ledge and application of referencing conventions as employed in a UK university or academic environment

### 11b. Further Details: (supporting Learning Outcomes, max 250 words)

The Pre-sessional English Online (12 weeks) course is learner- and learning - centred with all teaching addressed to the needs of students in order to improve their English for Academic Purposes to the level of the follow -on course. Students will undertake exercises to develop a range of vocabulary common to academic texts. They will be encouraged to understand how grammar and vocabulary contribute to create written and spoken academic discourse, for example, writing a researched essay related to their field of study.

Students will undertake activities to help them to: deal effectively with spoken input in conversations, seminars and lectures; produce spoken English intelligibly; increase reading efficiency; and make useful notes while reading or listening. In addition, they will be exposed to spoken academic discourse in a variety of accents. At specific points during the course they will be required to give a short presentation related to their academic subject. In addition, students will develop the use of library and internet resources which they will use to plan, research and write an academic essay or report.

Classw ork and independent study will focus on:

- 1. academic writing and speaking conventions
- 2. vocabulary acquisition and storage
- 3. text-type understanding and discourse-level analysis
- 4. grammar acquisition
- 5. strategies for effective reading, note-taking, summarising, and synthesis
- 6. pronunciation and academic speaking/presentation
- 7. listening comprehension strategies
- 8. understanding people from different cultural and language backgrounds (intercultural communication)
- 9. use of sources and referencing conventions
- 10.  $\ensuremath{\Pi}$  and the online learning resources
- 11. development of online group work

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12. Assessmer	nt: (weighting and compuls	sory information, max	k 50 words)				
12a. Assessment Type:			Weighting:				
Coursew ork	<1		.5				
Practical			.5				
12b. Compulso	ory Information and Furthe	r Details:					
The pass ma	The pass mark is 40% for students (Higher route).						
The follow -o	on degree course may also re	equire a specified minim	num level in any or eac	h skill.			
13. Pre and Co	Requisites further comme	ents:					
14. Module Bo	ard:						
15. Programme	es on which this module is	offered:					
16. Previous M	Iodule and Syllabus:						
17. Any Other	Comments:						
18. Language	of Delivery and Assessme	nt:					
Delivery - Englis	sh; Assessment - English						
Circumstances	may require the University to	vary the module conte	ent, mode of delivery a	nd assessment methods.			
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