

# LANG 0055 ESSENTIAL COMMUNICATION FOR SOCIAL SCIENCE (WSTC PREP)

**Credit Points** 10

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**Description** The ability to communicate efficiently and effectively is crucial in all aspects of professional life. This subject is designed to support Extended Diploma of Social Science students in their transition to university by enhancing their English proficiency and capacity to achieve academic success. The subject assists students to comprehend professional texts, identify key ideas and evidence, and identify and apply certain rhetorical moves which are common in academic and professional communication in the field of Social Science. It also aims to help students to improve grammatical skills that relate to academic writing, summarise information, and demonstrate the importance of academic integrity to inform future academic, disciplinary, and professional practice.

**School** Western Sydney The College

**Discipline** English Language

**Student Contribution Band** HECS Band 1 10cp

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**Level** Undergraduate Level 0 Preparatory subject

## Restrictions

Students must be enrolled in The College in the programs listed:

- 7156 Diploma in Social Science Extended - Humanitarian and Development Studies
- 7157 Diploma in Social Science Extended - Social Science
- 7185 Diploma in Social Science Extended - Tourism and Event Management

## Learning Outcomes

After successful completion of this subject, students will be able to:

1. Use a range of listening strategies to comprehend texts common in the field of Social Science.
2. Use a range of reading strategies to comprehend texts common in the field of Social Science.
3. Summarise the relevant and specific features of social scientific texts.
4. Use evidence to support ideas and follow Social Scientific referencing conventions.
5. Communicate clearly using features of academic writing.
6. Communicate orally in formal contexts.

## Subject Content

1. Understanding academic and professional communication in the field of Social Science
2. Listening in an academic context: active listening and note-taking skills

3. Reading skills: understanding meaning from context
4. Reading skills: identifying and highlighting key ideas, arguments and evidence
5. Writing skills: identify and apply foundational features of academic and professional language
6. Writing skills: summarising and paraphrasing,
7. Writing skills: grammar, sentence and paragraph structure
8. Writing skills: achieving coherence and cohesion
9. Academic integrity skills: citation and paraphrasing skills
10. Public speaking and professional presentation of ideas

## Assessment

The following table summarises the standard assessment tasks for this subject. Please note this is a guide only. Assessment tasks are regularly updated, where there is a difference your Learning Guide takes precedence.

Type	Length	Percent	Threshold	Individual/ Group Task
Summary	300 words	15	N	Individual
Essay	2a. Essay Draft: 300 words (15%); 2b. Essay: 1,000 words (35%)	50	N	Individual
Presentation	6 minutes	35	N	Individual