

COMM 0002 ACADEMIC SKILLS FOR COMMUNICATION (WSTC PREP)

Credit Points 10

Legacy Code 700218

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Description This subject introduces students to the essential academic skills required for success in tertiary studies. It employs an explicit pedagogy approach to teach students how to become independent, active, and reflective learners. The subject also includes essential research and writing skills specific to the Communication Arts.

School Western Sydney The College

Discipline Communication and Media Studies, Not Elsewhere Classified.

Student Contribution Band HECS Band 4 10cp

Check your fees via the Fees (https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/currentstudents/current_students/fees/) page.

Level Undergraduate Level 0 Preparatory subject

Restrictions

Students must be enrolled at Western Sydney University, The College.

Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this subject, students should be able to:

1. Use both independent and collaborative learning strategies to advance the knowledge of the individual and that of their peers.
2. Communicate effectively through the development of critical reading, listening, speaking and writing skills in context.
3. Locate and use information technology systems and educational technologies to support learning and assessment.
4. Apply critical thinking, and use problem solving skills and research skills, to make informed decisions.
5. Apply the process of reflection to learning experiences, in order to assess their own learning styles and learn how to learn.
6. Demonstrate an understanding of the difference between qualitative and quantitative research, as well as primary and secondary sources, as it applies to the communication arts.

Subject Content

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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	Mandatory
Presentation	5 minutes and 250 words	20	N	Individual	N
Portfolio	1500 words	50	N	Individual	N
Essay	1000 words	30	N	Individual	N