

# LANG 0051 COMMUNICATION SKILLS FOR HEALTH SCIENCE 1 (WSTC)

**Credit Points** 10

**Legacy Code** 900126

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**Description** This subject is designed to introduce students to academic culture as a culture of critical debate and equip students with the academic literacy skills necessary to perform successfully at university and later in their chosen profession. In particular, the subject aims to help students access the conventions of academic English by focussing on attitudes to knowledge, and the ways in which ideas are structured and presented in academic texts and speech. The subject assists students to comprehend academic texts, identify key ideas and concepts, and identify and use the rhetorical moves used in academic texts. It also aims to help students compare and contrast ideas across texts, improve grammatical skills that relate to academic writing, summarise and synthesise information, and understand why, when and how to reference information.

**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

**Equivalent Subjects** LANG 0030 English for Tertiary Study 1 (WSTC Prep) LANG 0001 Academic Communication 1 (WSTC Prep) LANG 0006 Academic English 1 (WSTC) LANG 0031 English for Tertiary Study 1 (WSTC) LANG 0036 Introduction to Academic Communication 1 (WSTC Prep) LANG 0034 Essential Skills for Academic Success (WSTC Prep) 700275 Communication Skills for Construction Management (WSTC Prep) LANG 0042 Professional Communication Skills for Engineering (WSTC Prep) LANG 0012 Academic and Professional Communication (WSTC Prep) LANG 0037 Introduction to Academic Communication 1 (WSTC)

## Restrictions

This subject is only available to College students enrolled in the Undergraduate Preparation Programs.

## Learning Outcomes

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

1. Employ effective listening strategies to identify and report main ideas and supporting evidence.
2. Utilise appropriate reading strategies to comprehend academic texts.
3. Produce writing that successfully summarises and paraphrases the work of others.
4. Demonstrate a command of academic English, including grammar, phrasing, effective sentence structure, spelling and punctuation in a variety of written contexts.

## Subject Content

1. Academic culture as a culture of argument
2. Active listening and note-taking skills
3. Reading in an academic culture: the development of ideas
4. Reading in an academic culture: the relative importance of ideas
5. Reading in an academic culture: identifying arguments
6. Writing in an academic culture: academic language skills and grammar
7. Writing in an academic culture: paraphrasing/summarising and synthesising skills
8. Writing in an academic culture: comparing and contrasting ideas across multiple texts
9. Writing in an academic culture: research and referencing
10. Speaking in an academic culture: the structure of presenting ideas
11. Speaking in an academic culture: tutorial/presentation skills

## 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
Summary	300 words	15	N	Individual	N
Professional Task	300 words	25	N	Individual	N
Professional Task	800 words	35	N	Individual	N
Quiz	1 hour	25	N	Individual	N

Teaching Periods

## Autumn Block 1 (2025)

### Nirimba Education Precinct

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## Spring Block 1 (2025)

### Campbelltown

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### Liverpool

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