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Academic English resources and useful links for art and design studies

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UAL resources

- Language Development: find out about one-to-one tutorials and how to book them.
- Academic Support Online: resources and advice on studying, plus booking information for Academic Support tutorials
- UAL Library: main library site with links to all services
- Library subject guides: highly recommended resource with all kinds of useful information about your specific subject, including books, magazines, journals, e-resources, the names of your subject librarians. This is also a place to ask questions.



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UAL Language Development online course

Language for Academic Study (LAS) is Language Development's online course for students for whom English is an additional language and is available on [Moodle](#)

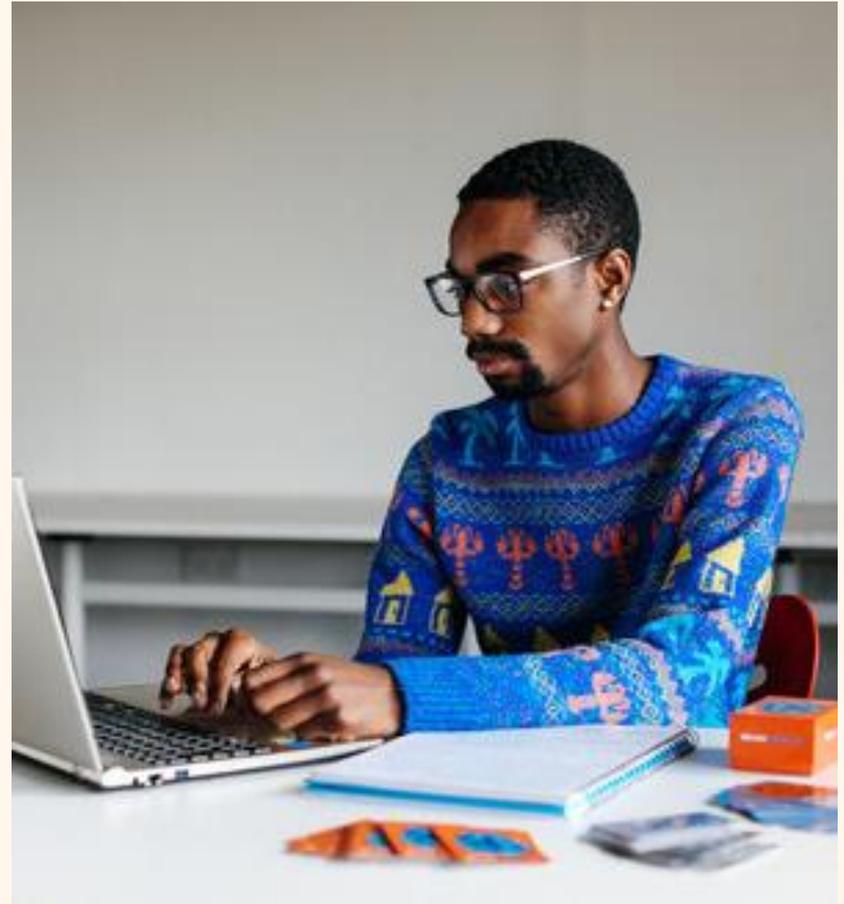
- LAS Writing: academic writing and assessment; sentence and paragraph structure; academic grammar; vocabulary; coherence and cohesion; expressing views; referencing; critical reflection
- LAS Reading: reading academic texts; essential elements of organization; primary and secondary sources citation and referencing; referencing, stance and writers' views; critical reading; multimodality and argumentation; reading lists; developing reading skills
- LAS Speaking: participating in seminars; presentation skills; audience; group discussions; speaking to tutors; presentations – interacting with audience; speaking skills; group work; feedback
- LAS Listening: cohesion; pronunciation; accents; definitions; explanations; opinions: claims and facts; listening skills; culture; interaction; criticality; different voices; notetaking; practical strategies for improving listening



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External resources: academic English

- Academic Phrasebank: sections on writing different parts of a research paper (e.g. introduction, literature reviews and conclusions), as well as different functions of writing (e.g. being cautious, being critical, referring to sources, defining terms and so on).
- UEFAP.net (Using English for Academic Purposes): exercises and resources for students in Higher Education to improve academic writing skills such as: reflective writing, referring to images/diagrams and discussing sources.
- EAP Foundation: lots of resources for learners who want to improve their academic language in all skills.
- English for Academic Study: free course from Coventry University hosted on Future Learn.



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External resources: vocabulary, including art and design

- MoMA Glossary of art terms: from the world-famous Museum of Modern Art in New York. Definitions give you links to discussions of art works to help you understand the vocabulary and the concepts.
- Design dictionaries: excellent dictionaries full of clear explanations and pictures. Find the e-books in the UAL library catalogue by searching 'visual design dictionary'.
 - Ambrose and Harris (2007), **The visual dictionary of fashion design**
 - Ambrose and Harris (2006), **The visual dictionary of graphic design**
 - Coates, Brooker & Stone (2009), **The visual dictionary of interior architecture and design**
 - Ching (2011), **A visual dictionary of architecture**
 - Ambrose and Harris (2010), **The visual dictionary of typography**
- Collins Dictionary Online: Online dictionary produced by a highly reputed publisher. Clear explanations, example sentences, pronunciation, collocations (common combinations of words).



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External resources: writing

- The Royal Literary Fund: step by step guide to writing essays and dissertations with tips and support from planning to editing your writing.
- Purdue University Online Writing Lab: explores different aspects of academic writing including paragraph writing, being more concise, using appropriate language, as well as tips on grammar.
- English Composition: online course for academic essay writing that focuses on how to present different types of information, including: an overview of writing (audience, purpose, paragraphs, conclusions, etc.) and the different types of essay (definition, narrative, illustration/example, argumentative).
- Analysing essay titles: A list of key words from the University of Hull to help you understand your written assignment brief.



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External resources: speaking

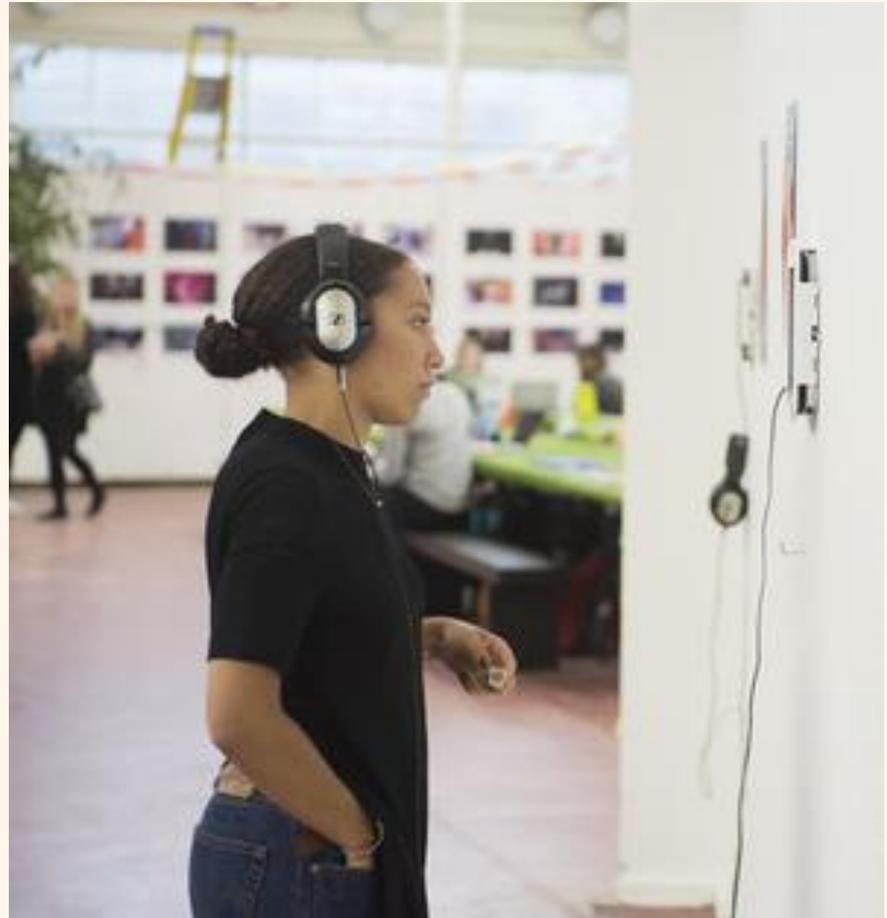
- British Council: keep practicing your general English speaking with a variety of exercises.
- Use Microsoft Teams to connect with other students regularly. Find out how to access Office 365 and MS Teams on the Digital Tools page of the UAL website.



Picture: Vic Philips

External resources: listening

- Gresham College: lectures on a range of topics including art, with transcripts.
- Tate: watch and listen as artists discuss their practice.



Picture: Errin Yesilkaya

External resources: referencing

- Citethemright: a resource to help you with referencing and understanding how to avoid plagiarism. A good place to start is this sample text that uses Harvard referencing (both in-text and end-of-text referencing)
- You can use the citation function in **Google Scholar**. See a short video explainer with music. The example is for APA citations, but you can do Harvard as well.



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Useful book chapters

These can all be found in the UAL library as e-books. Search for 'Academic Writing'.

- Deane, M., (2012) *Inside Track to Academic Research, Writing & Referencing*. Pearson Higher Ed.
 - Chapter 5 Reading critically
 - Chapters 6-9 Using sources in your work

- Gillett, A., Hammond, A. and Martala, M. (2009) *Successful Academic Writing*. Pearson.
 - Chapter 9 is useful for reflective writing

- Wallace, M. and Wray, A. (2011) *Critical Reading and Writing for Postgraduates*. Sage Publications, London.



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