UniStart
Welcome to Unistart

Unit outlines

- Every unit at the university will have a unit outline.
- This outline is the guide to your whole course and contains important information.
- Some of the information areas contained are found in all unit outlines, but the information in your unit outline relates specifically to your unit
- You will need to refer to your unit outlines throughout the semester, and it is a good idea to have a printed copy.

What is in a unit outline?

- They contain information like:
  - What the unit is about;
  - How it will be taught;
  - Assessment tasks
  - Contact details and consultation times;
  - What you need to have;
  - It may also provide clues or links to other resources.

- They also have:
  - Unit description
  - Intended learning outcomes
  - Graduate quality Statement
  - Alterations to the unit as a result of student feedback
  - Details of teaching arrangements
  - Specific attendance/performance requirements
  - How your final result is determined
  - Submission of assignments
  - Penalties
  - Academic referencing
  - Academic misconduct
• **Intended learning outcomes**

These are the outcomes we want you to achieve by completing the unit.

For Unistart, on completion of this unit you should be able to:
- use critical thinking in your university studies
- access and effectively utilise university learning resources
- understand the process of preparing a university level assignment and apply this in your assessment
- demonstrate honesty in your academic work
- critically reflect on areas of strength and weakness in your academic skills and understanding, to enable you to continue to develop these throughout your degree

• **Additional information or clues**

- Weekly readings
- Tutorial questions
- Additional readings
- Useful websites
  - The unit outline gives your unit co-ordinator the opportunity to tell you more about your unit.
  - What readings they want you to focus on this week, and what questions they would like you consider while reading.
  - There are also references to other materials that you may find useful but are not essential to the course.
  - In other unit outlines there may be other books, articles or websites that the co-ordinator believes you may benefit from reading.
  - These are not essential to the course, so you do not have to read them, but if you choose to they may deepen your understanding. They may also be useful to assignment preparation.

**Key principles of UniStart**

A number of principles underpin the structure and content of UniStart, including:
- independent, self-directed learning;
- a process-based approach to developing skills;
- that tertiary literacy development is an ongoing process.
Attendance and feedback

- You are expected to participate fully in all sessions.
  • Participation: Engage with tasks, work individually and in groups. Attendance is not compulsory.
- Process-based approach - opportunities to practise all of the skills covered in UniStart.
- Feedback - self and peer review – consultation with teaching staff
  • Feedback: We believe that one of the best, most accessible resources you have is each other. You learn better from someone who knows a little more than you, rather than from an ‘expert’.
- If you cannot attend an on campus session, you can catch up online
  • We understand if you can’t attend a particular session. Note that many units do have attendance requirements.
- If you are studying by distance, you are welcome to attend on campus where you can.

Teaching pattern

Three main components:
  – face-to-face block teaching;
  – online self-paced unit
  – online resources.

Focussed skills sessions

Provided to help you in developing skills that may assist you at university

Workshops this week cover:
  – Research skills;
  – Time management, stress management;
  – Writing formally for university.

Workshops during semester may include:
  – Academic Honesty: referencing
  – Essay writing
  – Reflective writing
  – Examination preparation
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