

ual: Language Development

**Academic English resources
and useful links for art and
design studies**

UAL resources

- [Language Development](#) You can 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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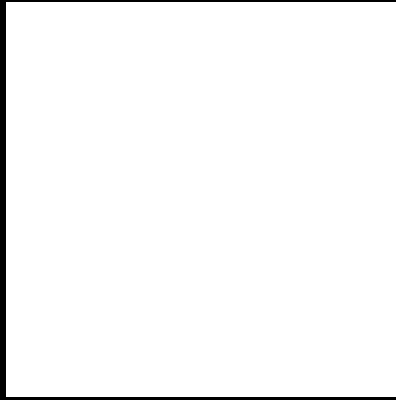
Language Development online course

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: Fantastic resource for academic writers - there are 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 for Students in Higher Education has lots of ideas, exercises and resources to improve academic skills, such as different functions of writing: 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
- Learning English for Academic Purposes: First Steps Free course from the Open University



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Vocabulary, including art and design

■ MoMA Glossary of art terms From the world-famous Museum of Modern Art in New York – every definition also gives 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 Really good free online dictionary produced by a very highly reputed publisher. Clear explanations, example sentences, pronunciation, collocations (common combinations of words).

■ Tate Art Terms Online glossary containing definitions, most with illustrations, of over 400 terms including artist groups and art movements, techniques, media and other art jargon.



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Writing

- [The Royal Literary Fund](#) Step by step guide to writing essays and dissertations with tips and support from planning to editing your writinga.
- [Online Writing Lab \(Purdue University\)](#) This US site has lots of ideas on different aspects of academic writing including [paragraph writing](#), being more [concise](#), using [appropriate language](#), as well as tips on [grammar](#).
- [English Composition](#) (rhetorical methods) This is a complete 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). Excellent stuff.
- [Understanding essay titles](#) A list of key words to help you understand your written assignment brief
- [Writing an Academic Essay](#) Free course from the Open University
- [An Intermediate Guide to Writing in English for University Study](#) Free course from the University of Reading



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Speaking

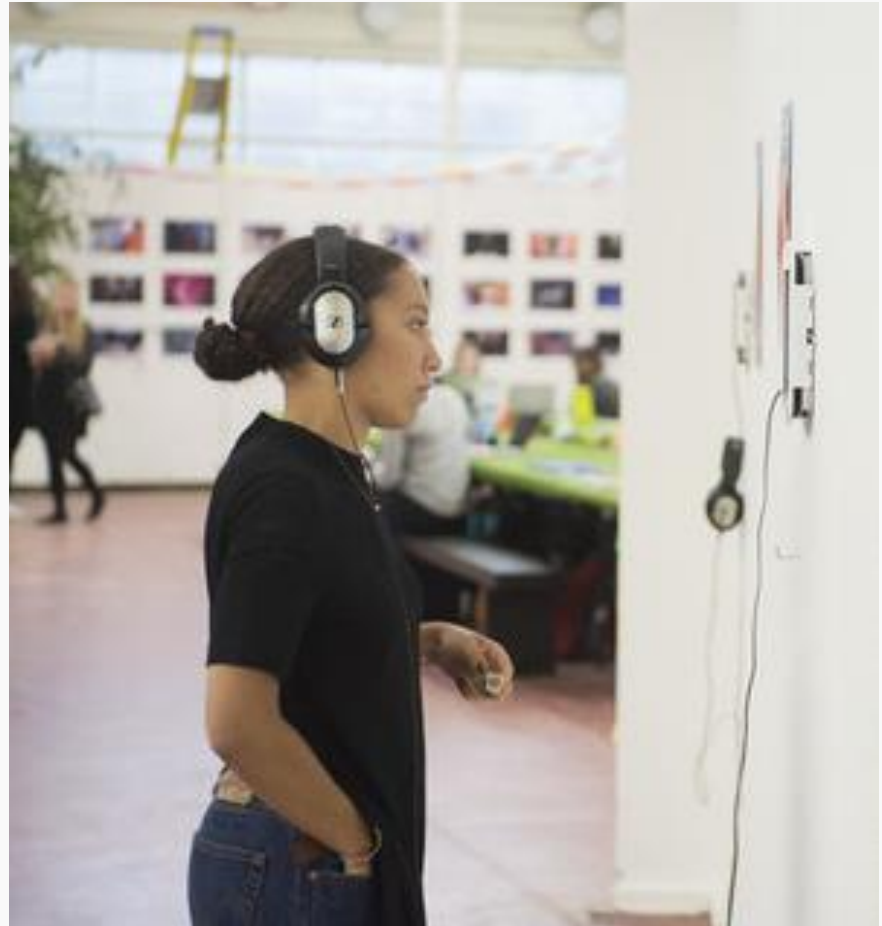
- British Council Keep practising your general English speaking with a variety of exercises.
- Use Microsoft Teams to connect with other students regularly.



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Listening

- [Gresham College, London](#) Lectures on a range of topics including art, with transcripts.
- [Tate](#) Watch and listen as artists discuss their practice.
- [EAP Foundation](#) Short (9-15 minute) episodes on aspects of academic language.
- [Dezeen](#) Stories about architecture and design podcasts and podcast interviews with leading architects and designers.
- [TED Podcasts](#) Find something of interest to you from this wide range of podcasts
- [Sustainable fashion podcasts](#)



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Grammar

- UsingEnglish.com This website has many exercises, articles, forums and resources on different areas of English language



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Referencing

- **Citethemright**: This resource has a sample text that uses Harvard referencing (both in-text and end-of-text referencing) - a really good place to start.
- You can use the citation function in **Google Scholar**. See a short video explainer with music [here](#). 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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