

Academic Skills for Undergraduate students



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Our Academic Skills for Divinity Students course

- Aim is to ensure our students have the skills they need for their academic work
- Zero credit
- Level 7
- All “our” first year students are enrolled
- Online with 5 short face-to-face lectures
- Short multi-choice questions at end each module to test completion

Should it be compulsory?

Students say too embarrassed to admit need unless compulsory

Staff report standard of writing and other skills poor

Learn new things, can work more efficiently

Students say course takes up valuable time at pressured period

Staff feel students should already know these things from school

Everyone nowadays know how to search the web

And the debate continues..

What our course currently includes:-

Library

- Use online catalogue
- Use databases
- Online resources
- Paper resources

Essay writing

- Preparation
- Styles (footnotes)
- Plagiarism

IT

- Looking after “own” machine
- Basic IT terms explained and practical implication
- IT systems of University that students must interact with

Presentations

- Creating
- Presenting

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