

To all 2019-20 Postgraduate students

This year in SAHP as part of the general Study Skills programme we are running some sessions designed to take students through essay writing and studying at Masters Level.

On **Monday 7th October** (9.00-14.30 **Meeting Room, SAHP**) we will be running a workshop on studying at M Level. This session will explore the requirements and challenges of studying at M Level. It is aimed at helping students identify the skills they need to develop and actions they need to take to work successfully at M Level (whatever their recent learning experiences)*.

The session will include:

- Discussion about expectations of working at M Level
- Planning of study time
- Discussion about critical appraisal skills
- Basic practical application of critical appraisal skills to selected papers
- Practice at formulating an essay plan
- Essay planning and writing at M Level – how to succeed
- Good academic practice
- An introduction to the formative essay process (for further information on the formative essay see below) and formative essay launch

*The session is **compulsory for all full time students** but is open to those students studying on part-time and modular routes.

Formative Essay

Purpose: The formative essay sessions have been designed to help students to practice essay writing at Masters Level. In doing so, student learning will be facilitated in the following areas:

- Development of critical and analytical skills when reviewing papers to apply findings effectively when answering an essay question
- Development of good academic practice in essay writing
- Practice in referencing correctly
- Gaining feedback on all of the above before submitting the first summative assignment

These formative essay sessions are open to anyone who wishes to attend**. The idea is to guide students through the process of writing an essay at M Level, submitting this essay through Turnitin, having the essay marked and getting feedback on the essay so that students can then use this experience to inform their first written assignment.

When at Keele you will be able to access help from the Language Centre as part of your study skills

<https://www.keele.ac.uk/study/languagecentre/>

**Students who are unable to attend after the Monday 7th October session are still welcome to work through the essay process, submit the essay and gain feedback

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