FACULTY OF ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES
RESOURCES TO HELP WITH ESSAY WRITING, ACADEMIC ENGLISH AND CRITICAL READING AND THINKING SKILLS FOR POSTGRADUATE COURSEWORK STUDENTS

ACADEMIC ENGLISH AND CRITICAL LITERACIES SUPPORT

**FASS 7001** and **FASS 7002**: These Units of Study are highly recommended for anyone wishing to improve their Academic English and Critical Literacies, including students whose first language is not English, International students, and those who may be returning to the academy after an extended break. The programs of study focus on critical reading and thinking, academic writing, research skills, and academic presentations.


**FASS DIAGNOSTIC**

The diagnostic helps commencing PG students determine whether they can benefit from enrolling in a Unit of Study designed to enhance the written communication skills needed to succeed Arts and Social Sciences disciplines at PG level.

The diagnostic, which is comprises a mini-essay, is available online through the Faculty's Blackboard portal, and takes approximately an hour and half to complete. The diagnostic is not a "test"; it is simply a means to assess the written communication abilities of incoming PG students with a view to directing them to the most appropriate language support resources in the Faculty.

Commencing Postgraduate coursework students are automatically enrolled into the diagnostic and typically sit it in the week before semester starts. This gives them the opportunity to enrol in any of the Faculty's for-credit language support units of study if required.