

Skills support: information for academic staff

The Skills Development team support students to develop their academic skills and learn effective study techniques to help them to succeed on their course. We can support students with areas such as information skills and digital literacy, academic writing, reading and note-taking, assignment planning and exam revision, giving presentations, referencing and avoiding plagiarism, information and reference management, and basic IT skills.

Referring students for skills support

- **Workshops**
A regular programme of skills workshops are detailed on the Skills for Learning website at <http://www.wlv.ac.uk/skills>. The workshops are open to all students and are booked online. If a student is unable to make a workshop they are interested in or the workshop is full, they may contact the team using the contact form to arrange an alternative opportunity.
- **Drop-in skills sessions**
Drop-in sessions operate on a first come first served basis during advertised times. Students will be able to discuss their needs with a Learning Support Librarian who will advise on effective studying and recommend resources to help improve their assignments. The Skills for Learning website provides details about what students can expect from these sessions. Please encourage students to come to a session with their work and the feedback you have given.

Subject support

Each subject area has a subject web page at <http://www.wlv.ac.uk/lib/subjects> which include recommended online resources for students to start research in their discipline. Students can receive advice on finding information for their subject and carrying out research by visiting Learning Centre help desks or talking to LIS staff via our online chat service ASSIST.

Embedding academic skills in your module

Your Liaison Librarian is your key point of contact for Learning and Information Services and will be able to discuss learning and teaching support and skills development for your students. Please contact LISLiaison@wlv.ac.uk for details.

Online resources

A range of recommended online resources for skills development are available on the Skills for Learning website which you may make use of in your modules or direct students to. We encourage using a standard link to the website in course guides or WOLF topics: <http://www.wlv.ac.uk/skills>. If you have any feedback about any of these resources please email skills@wlv.ac.uk

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Study skills collection

Each Learning Centre has a designated collection of study skills books featuring books on a range of study topics including academic writing, research methods, exam preparation, and project planning. We can provide a list of suitable titles to support your course or module on request.

Please contact us if you would like more information about the skills development service from LIS.

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