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**ENGLISH FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS 1**

**700270/900120**

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**UNIT OUTLINE**

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<b>Unit name</b>	English for International Students 1
<b>Unit number</b>	700270/900120
<b>Coordinator</b>	Gabriela Jakubowicz
<b>Session</b>	2020.2
<b>Handbook summary</b>	This unit is designed to meet the academic literacy needs of International students completing the Extended Diplomas in Arts, Building Design Management, Business, Communication, Construction Management, Criminal and Community Justice, Design, Engineering, Health Science, ICT, Science, Social Science and Policing. It is designed specifically for International students who have met the requirements of these courses. The unit will support these students in understanding how to perform successfully within it in terms of academic literacy skills. Specifically, it will focus on improving students' listening, pronunciation and grammar skills. It consists of two hours per week of face-to-face instruction in order to provide students with targeted, structured support.
<b>Credit point value</b>	0
<b>Prerequisite/s</b>	None
<b>Corequisite/s</b>	None
<b>Unit incompatible with and not to be counted for credit with</b>	None
<b>Assumed knowledge</b>	None
<b>Unit level</b>	Level Z — non-award preparatory unit
<b>Attendance requirements</b>	Students are expected to attend at least 80% of classes. Educational research consistently demonstrates that this attendance level is associated with a high likelihood of achieving a passing grade.
<b>Enrolment restrictions</b>	None
<b>Learning outcomes</b>	<p>A student who has completed this unit and achieved a passing grade should be able to demonstrate proficiency in</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. listening comprehension skills</li> <li>2. reading comprehension skills</li> <li>3. delivering oral presentations</li> <li>4. academic writing skills, and</li> <li>5. the use of correct grammar and academic vocabulary commensurate with Diploma level.</li> </ol>

<b>Unit content</b>	<p>In this unit, students will undertake activities designed to improve their:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• listening comprehension</li> <li>• ability to self-identify and correct grammatical and structural errors in writing, including paragraph and sentence structure and punctuation</li> <li>• reading comprehension and oral presentation and discussion skills in an academic environment, and</li> <li>• level of academic vocabulary and grammar.</li> </ul>
<b>Mode of delivery</b>	This unit involves two hours of class time per week, plus online activities via the unit's vUWS site.
<b>Online learning requirements</b>	
<b>Essential requirements</b>	<p><b>Essential text</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 700270/900120 English for International Students 1 vUWS site.</li> </ul> <p><b>Further resources</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bailey, S 2014, <i>Academic writing: a handbook for international students</i>, 4th edn, Routledge, London.</li> <li>• Shields, M 2010, <i>Essay writing: a student's guide</i>, Sage, London.</li> </ul>

## ASSESSMENT ITEMS AND WEIGHTING

Assessment for this unit will be based on the following components:

Task	Weighting	Learning outcomes assessed	Mandatory task
1. Listening assessment	35%	1, 4	Yes
2. Reading, grammar and vocabulary quiz	30%	2, 4, 5	Yes
3. Oral presentation	35%	3, 5	Yes
TOTAL	100%		

For details of assessment due dates, please refer to the learning guide for this unit.

All marks will be determined in accordance with The College [Assessment Policy](#).

All assessment tasks are mandatory unless otherwise specified. Should a student fail to attempt/submit the first formal assessment task in a unit, they will be deemed to be at risk and will need to follow an intervention plan in order not to receive a Fail Non-Submission (FNS) grade. However, failure to attempt/submit all other mandatory assessment tasks will result in an immediate FNS grade for the unit.