

Module Code	BSNF03
Version	1.1
Module Title	Academic Skills
Credits	20
Academic Level (FHEQ)	3
Study Period	A
Prerequisites and co-requisites	N/A

Content (Indicative)

This module outlines what basic academic skills are needed at university level, introducing critical thinking, self-directed learning and referencing.

- The principles of university level study including critical thinking, reflective practice, learning styles and research skills.
- Strategies to self-direct learning and engage in guided independent study.
- The fundamental principles and techniques of the Harvard referencing system.

Teaching and Learning Experience

Blended Learning

Lectures

Seminars

Guided Independent Study

Module Learning Outcomes (MLOs)

On successful completion of this module students will be able to:

1. Explain and review the theory of self-directed learning.
2. Discuss the principles of critical thinking.
3. Produce a critique on a piece of chosen literature.
4. Prepare an action plan for engaging in guided independent study.
5. Apply the principles and techniques of referencing.

Assessment

Assessment task	Load (e.g. wordage)	Weighting (as a percentage)	Learning outcomes assessed
Literature Review	up to 2,500 words (or equivalent)	50%	1, 2, 3
Reflective Portfolio	up to 1,250 words (or equivalent)	25%	4
Referencing Exercise	up to 1,250 words (or equivalent)	25%	5

Indicative reading

Books

Cottrell, S. (2017) *Critical Thinking Skills: Effective Analysis, Argument and Reflection* (Palgrave Study Skills), 3rd Edition, Palgrave: UK.

Cottrell, S. (2013) *The Study Skills Handbook* (Palgrave Study Skills), 4th Edition, Palgrave: UK.

Pears, R. (2016) *Cite Them Right: The Essential Referencing Guide* (Palgrave Study Skills), Palgrave: UK.

McFarlan, B. (2003) *Drop the Pink Elephant*, Capstone.

Walliman, N. 2018 *Research Methods: the basics* 2nd Edition. Routledge, London. Walliman,

N. 2005 *Your Research Project*. 2nd Edition. Sage, London.

Journals

International Journal of Entrepreneurial Behaviour & Research

Websites <http://www.citethemrightonline.com/>

<http://www.academicskills.marjon.ac.uk>

<http://he.palgrave.com/studentstudyskills>

<http://www.ucas.com/ucas/undergraduate/preparing-your-studies/study-skills-guide>