

Summer Module

OLive-UP 2020-21

Dates: 2 June to 21 August 2020

Format: ONLINE

Attendance: Mandatory for all OLive-UP students

Module Description

The Summer Module aims to build on strengths and address gaps in the skills required at OLive-UP. Students will receive a tailored Independent Study Program based on 10 hours a week of study in four different courses that develop key skills. The Summer Modules runs between 2 June and 21 August with additional consultations or classroom time (depending on the course). This makes a total of 12 weeks and 120 hours of study (plus additional consultations or classroom time)

Skills focused on are English for Academic Purposes, Academic Tutoring, Standardised English Exam Skills and Academic Skills. Each of these skills will have a baseline course that will be amended for individual students' needs based on an assessment of their gaps and strengths in Pre-Session 1.

Learning Outcomes

By the end of the Summer Module students will:

- Gain confidence in reading and understanding academic texts progressing clearly to the level expected of a final year Bachelors students
- Be able to confidently express arguments and opinions in written form on academic texts
- Develop skills for standardised English exams
- Develop English for Academic Purposes reading and writing skills progressing clearly to the level expected of a final year Bachelors student

Baseline Requirements

Each set of skills has a baseline requirement in terms of study hours per week and nature and number of assignments. The total number of hours spent in independent study will not exceed 10 hours per week, and on top of that there will be online classroom teaching and/or individual consultations for each

course. This will be a total of 2 hours per month for each course, divided between classroom teaching and individual consultation.

Some students will receive the baseline workload, with no change in requirements. Others may receive more or less hours of a particular course. For example, a student with very good English for Academic Purposes skills (as assessed by the program) may have less hours studying that subject, but more in another subject where gaps in skills have been identified by the program.

The Baseline Requirements for each course is as follows:

Academic Tutoring

3 hours/week of independent study

2 hours/month of contact in classroom or individual consultation

3 key assignments over the duration of the Module (e.g. response papers), conforming to three topic areas to be covered in the tutorial

Short assignments as decided by the Instructor

English for Academic Purposes

3 hours/week of independent study

2 hours/month of contact in classroom and individual consultation

3 key assignments over the duration of the Module

Short assignments as decided by the Instructor

Academic Skills

2 hours/week of independent study

2 hours/month of contact in classroom and individual consultation

Short assignments to support tutoring assignments

Standardised English Exam Prep

2 hours/week of independent study

1 hour/month of contact in classroom or individual consultation

Short assignments as decided by the Instructor

Calendar

This calendar contains information about when assignments are due for the different courses and when classes and consultations take place. The Summer Module is divided into three blocks of four weeks each.

The Calendar is organised to help students meet three milestones:

1. Submission of three Academic Tutorial assignments
2. Submission of three English for Academic Purposes assignments

3. Sit for a Standardised English Exam Entry test (to be held in Pre-Session 2)

To achieve Milestone 1, classes operate in each block in this sequence:

1. Academic Skills class session - to reinforce writing, reading and studying strategies for Tutorial Assignment
2. Academic Tutoring individual consultations - to clarify assignment due in that bloc and requisite study plan
3. Academic Skills individual consultations - to be held the week before the Tutorial assignment is due
4. Tutorial assignment due, feedback
5. Academic tutoring class to prepare for the next topic area and clarification of written assignment for that topic area, followed the week after by feedback on individual assignments.

To achieve Milestone 1, English for Academic Purposes classes and consultations are held in conjunction with Academic Tutoring classes and consultations to help build vocabulary.

To achieve Milestone 3, Standardised English Exam Prep Classes are held at the beginning of Block 1 and Block 2 but at the end of Block 3 (because the Entry Exam is held very soon after the end of Summer Module).

Schedule*

BLOCK 1 (Weeks 1 to 4)

Week 1 (June 2 - June 7)

Contact hours

Academic Skills Introductory classroom session - 90 minutes

Academic Tutoring Introductory individual consultations - 30 minutes

Independent Study

10 hours

Week 2 (June 8 - June 14)

Contact Hours

English for Academic Purposes Classroom session- 90 minutes

Standardised English Exam Prep Classroom session - 60 minutes

Independent Study

10 hours

Week 3 (June 15 - June 21)

Contact Hours

Academic Skills individual consultations - 30 minutes

Independent Study

10 hours

Week 4 (June 22 - June 28)

Assignment

Tutorial Assignment no. 1 due

Contact hours

Academic Tutorial classroom session - 90 minutes

English for Academic Purposes individual consultations - 30 minutes

Other

Written feedback on Tutorial Assignment

Independent Study

10 hours

BLOCK 2 (Weeks 5 to 8)

Week 5 (June 29 - July 5)

Assignment

English for Academic Purposes assignment no. 1 due

Contact hours

Academic Skills classroom session - 90 minutes

English Exam Prep classroom session - 60 minutes

Independent Study

10 hours

Week 6 (July 6 - July 12)

Contact Hours

Academic Tutoring individual consultations - 30 minutes

English for Academic Purposes classroom session - 90 minutes

Independent Study

10 hours

Week 7 (July 13 - July 19)

Contact Hours

Academic Skills individual consultations - 30 minutes

Independent Study

10 hours

Week 8 (July 20 - July 26)

Assignment

Tutorial Assignment no. 2 due

Contact hours

Academic Tutorial classroom session - 90 minutes

English for Academic Purposes individual consultations - 30 minutes

Other

Written feedback on Tutorial Assignment Assignment

Independent Study

10 hours

BLOCK 3 (Weeks 9 to 12)

Week 9 (July 27 - August 2)

Assignment

English for Academic Purposes assignment no. 2 due

Contact hours

Academic Skills classroom session - 90 minutes

Independent Study

10 hours

Week 10 (August 3 - August 9)

Contact Hours

Academic Tutoring individual consultations - 30 minutes
English for Academic Purposes classroom session - 90 minutes

Independent Study

10 hours

Week 11 (August 10 - August 16)

Contact Hours

Academic Skills individual consultations - 30 minutes
English for Academic Purposes individual consultations - 30 minutes

Independent Study

10 hours

Week 12 (August 17 - August 21)

Assignment

Tutorial Assignment no. 3 due
English for Academic Purposes Assignment no. 3 due

Contact hours

Academic Tutorial classroom session - 90 minutes
English Exam Prep classroom session - 60 minutes

Other

Feedback on Tutorial Assignment

Independent Study

10 hours

**exact schedule to be communicated to students during Pre-Session 1, Session 1 (11 May 2020) - Orientation to OLIVE-UP Program & Curriculum*