

# SO131-0 Academic Skills for Sociologists

**23/24**

**Department**

Sociology

**Level**

Undergraduate Level 1

**Module leader**

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**Credit value**

0

**Module duration**

5 weeks

**Assessment**

100% coursework

**Study location**

University of Warwick main campus, Coventry

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## Description

### Introductory description

This course has been designed for first year sociology students and aims to help them develop a wide range of skills that will be integral to their success at studying sociology at university. As this is a 0 CATS module, students will not be expected to prepare any work. However, they will be given the opportunity to attend seminars to consolidate their learning through exercises and examples.

[Module web page](#)

### Module aims

Particular emphasis is placed on developing the skills required to write persuasive undergraduate essays: referencing, paraphrasing, summarising, planning, structuring, critical reading and critical writing. Students will continue to develop their academic writing style throughout their degree, but it's important to lay some solid foundations at the start - and this is the main focus of this module.

### Outline syllabus

This is an indicative module outline only to give an indication of the sort of topics that may be covered. Actual sessions held may differ.

Effective Referencing; Wellbeing and Managing Deadlines; Critical Thinking (1): Critical Reading/Locating Sources; Critical Thinking (2): Critical Writing

## Learning outcomes

By the end of the module, students should be able to:

- By the end of the module, students should be able to: reference correctly; understand what plagiarism is (including self-plagiarism) and how to avoid this; structure an essay; write effective intros and conclusions; locate reading sources; read effectively and 'critically'

## Subject specific skills

Referencing; Critical Reading; Critical Writing; Library Searches

## Transferable skills

The ability to research well and to write clearly and persuasively are key transferable skills.

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## Study

### Study time

Type	Required	Optional
Lectures	4 sessions of	
Seminars		4 sessions of
Total	0 hours	

### Private study description

No private study requirements defined for this module.

## Costs

No further costs have been identified for this module.

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## Assessment

Students can register for this module without taking any assessment.

## Assessment group X

### Study time

Zero-credit module - no assessment required

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## Availability

## Courses

This module is Core for:

- USOA-L301 BA in Sociology
  - Year 1 of L301 Sociology
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- Year 1 of USOA-L314 Undergraduate Sociology and Criminology